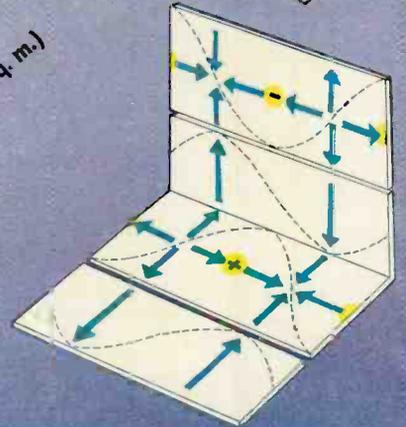
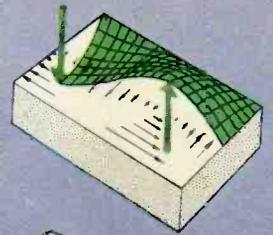
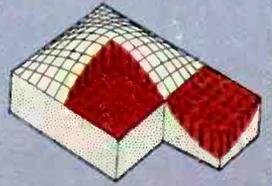


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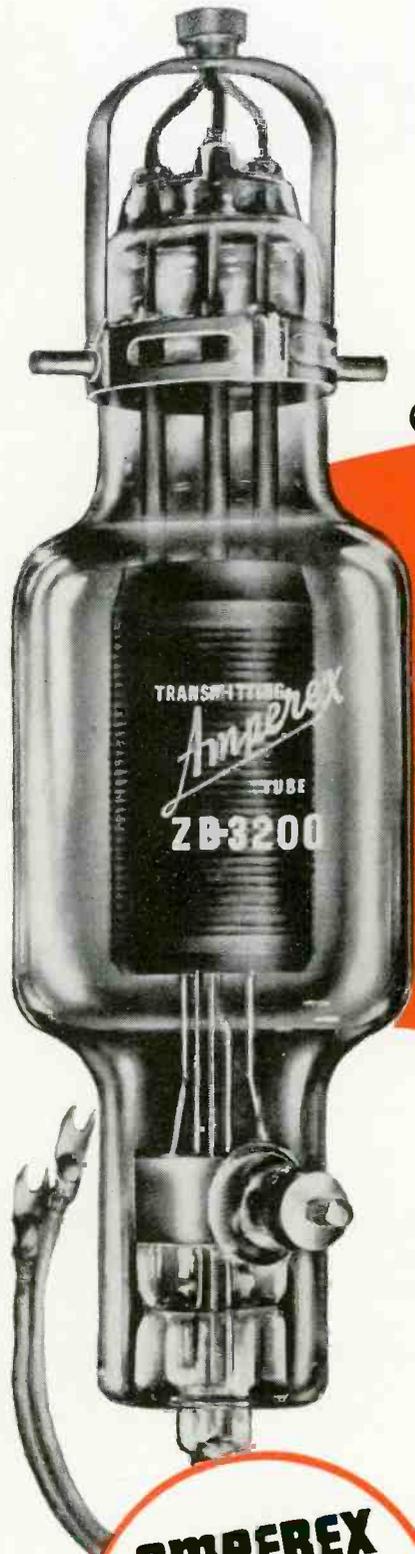
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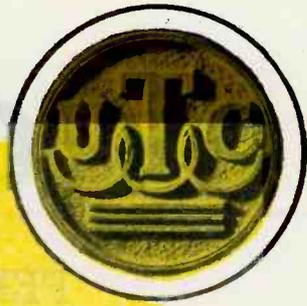
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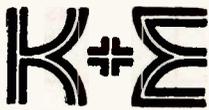
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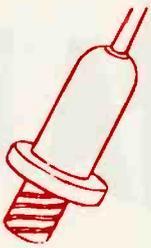
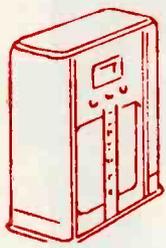
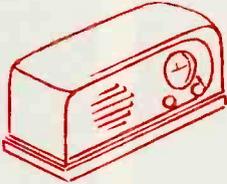
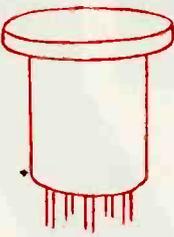
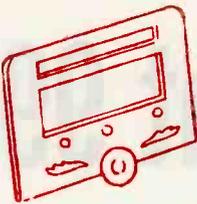
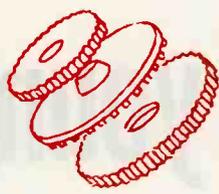
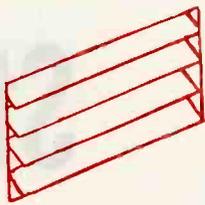
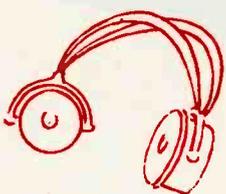
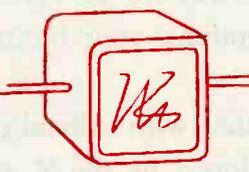
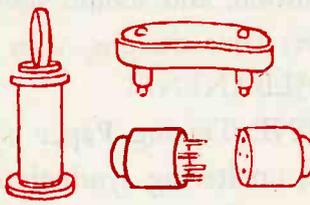
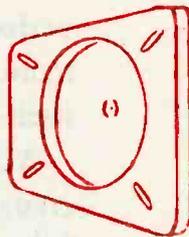
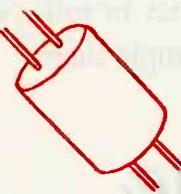
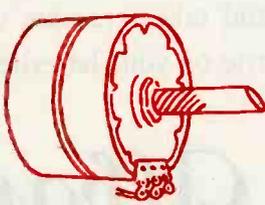
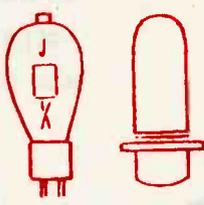
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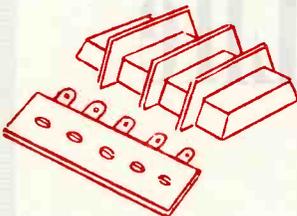
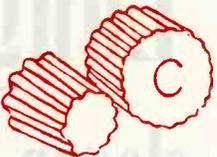
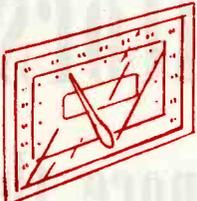
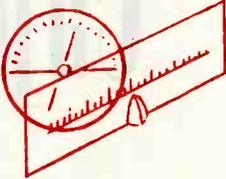
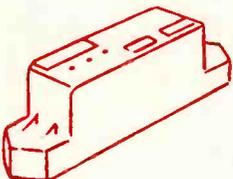
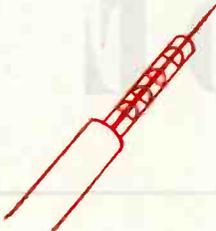
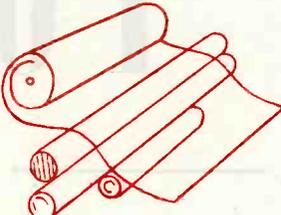
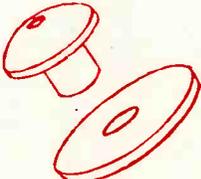
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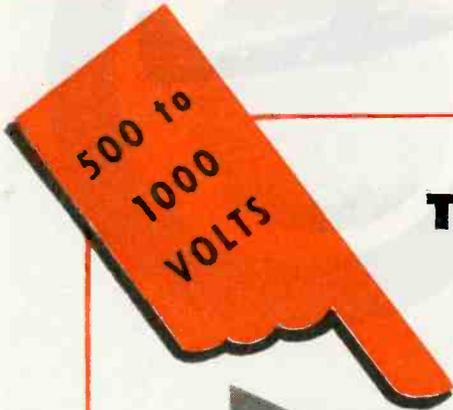
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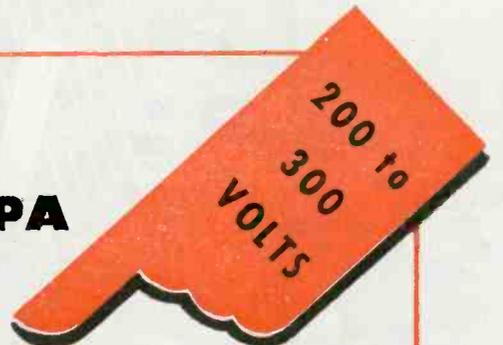
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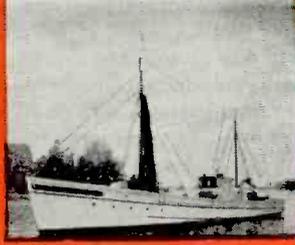
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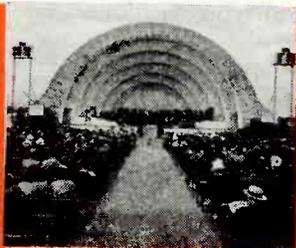
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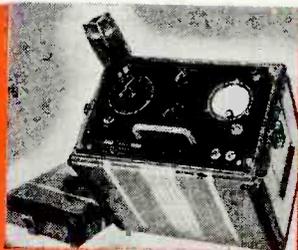
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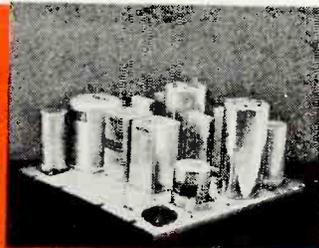
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# A comparison of SYNTHANE TECHNICAL PLASTICS with certain metals, debunking a popular notion that plastics being "magic" can be used indiscriminately

**IT IS CHARACTERISTICALLY HUMAN** to back a winner . . . to ascribe precipitately to vitamins or sulfa drugs or plastics more powers and claims than sober research can keep up with. Plastics have their possibilities . . . and their limitations. Good design is the reward of knowing both.

Plastics are doing many jobs that metals used to do, especially since certain critical metal shortages have cropped up. But, basically, plastics are not substitute materials. Correctly applied, they should and do stand solely on their own merits.

**INTERESTING COMPARISONS TO PROVE** the point can be made between our type of plastics—Synthane—and certain metals. Synthane is made by applying heat and pressure to paper or fabric impregnated with thermosetting resins. It is non-metallic, a fact which should at once suggest uses fundamentally different from those of metals. Actually, Synthane is an excellent electrical insulator, and so you find it in hundreds of radio and electrical products and applications, not in place of metal, but to insulate metal. That does not imply Synthane cannot replace metal. As a matter of fact, Synthane has taken over for metals in pulleys, bearings, panels, structural members, scales, dials. The reasons can usually be traced to one or a combination of the many properties of Synthane technical plastics.

**ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL REASONS** at present is light weight. Synthane has a specific gravity ranging from 1.20 to 1.70, about half that of aluminum, less than magnesium. So in many unstressed parts for aircraft Synthane is a logical consideration.

**SYNTHANE LAMINATED PLASTICS GENERALLY** have lower mechanical strength than metals for a given cross section. For example, an approximate comparison might read like this:

	Tensile Strength (p.s.i.) ultimate	Compressive Strength (p.s.i.)
Alloyed Aluminum	16,000-60,000	9,000- 47,000 (y)
Brass	40,000-80,000	28,000-126,000 (u)
Cast Iron	16,000-45,000	80,000-200,000 (u)
Synthane	8,000-12,000	30,000- 50,000 (u)

(y—yield strength  
u—ultimate strength)

**IT IS IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, TO REMEMBER** that on a weight basis, Synthane may be stronger though redesign of a part for plastics may be necessary.

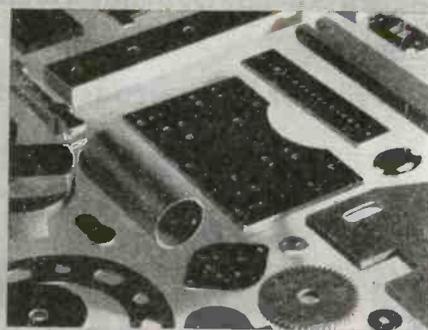
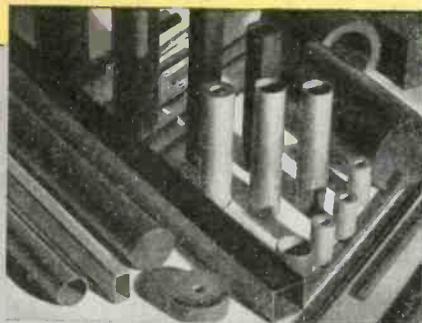
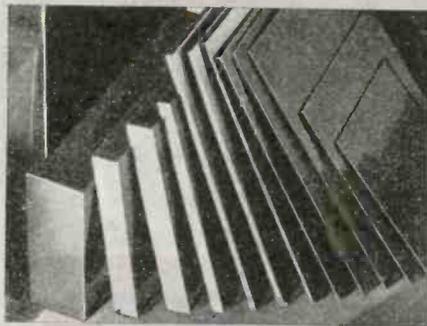
**HARDNESS IS A PROPERTY** in which another interesting comparison of Synthane with metals can be made. Brinell hardness, tested with 500 Kg. load, 10 mm ball, shows approximately these values: Alloyed aluminum 45-110, Brass 95-150, magnesium (drawn annealed) 29, annealed cast iron 77, Synthane 24-40.

**BEHAVIOR UNDER TEMPERATURE CONDITIONS** is characteristic of Synthane's non-metallic composition. For instance, whereas the thermal conductivity of aluminum alloys may range from .20 to .54 calories per second per square centimeter per centimeter of thickness per degree C., Synthane's thermal conductivity is about .0005 to .0008. The coefficient of thermal expansion of Synthane is about .0000140 inches per inch per degree F., approximately the same as alloyed aluminum, slightly more than pure aluminum, copper, brass.

**CORROSION RESISTANCE IS A SUBJECT** of such complications as to temperature, degree of concentration, and type of agent that any comparison with metals would necessarily be lengthy. Synthane does resist corrosion from water, many acids, oils, and salts, and to a greater or lesser extent than metals depending on the metal with which it is compared and the corrosion conditions. Synthane is extensively used as a corrosion resistant material.

**APART FROM ITS PHYSICAL, CHEMICAL,** electrical and chemical properties, Synthane may be easily and quickly machined by ordinary shop methods, a point which may occasionally influence selection when other factors are the same. And, just as metals are cast for economy in large quantities, so Synthane is available in two molded forms, molded-laminated and molded-macerated, for economy of duplication.

**OBSOLETELY, IN CERTAIN CASES** there can be no question of whether to use Synthane plastics or a metal such as when the material must be an electrical conductor or an electrical insulator, in other cases, weight or strength may decide, or corrosion resistance, resilience, hardness, machinability. Or as often happens, the decision may rest upon the extent to which the material required meets many combined specifications. Synthane technical plastics are usually more desired for their combination of properties than for any one specific property for which another specific material or metal may be the only logical answer.

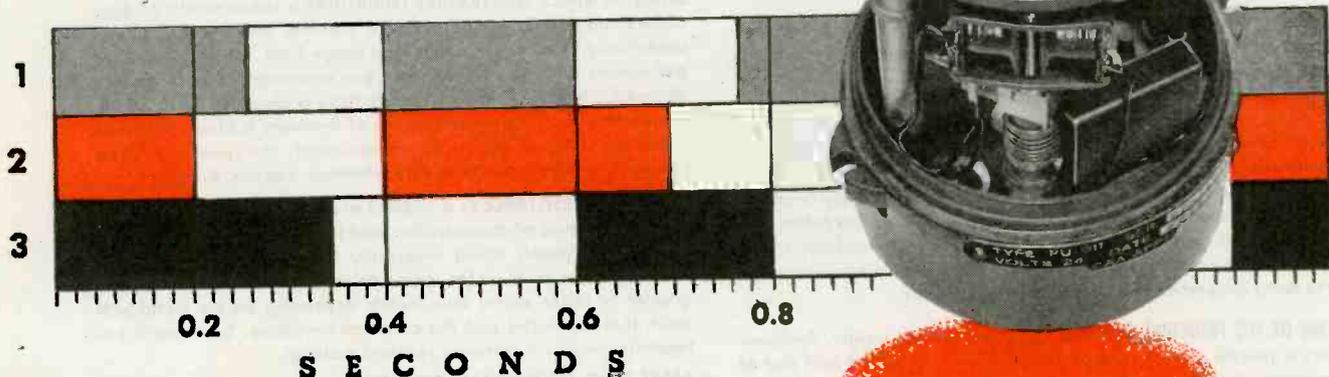


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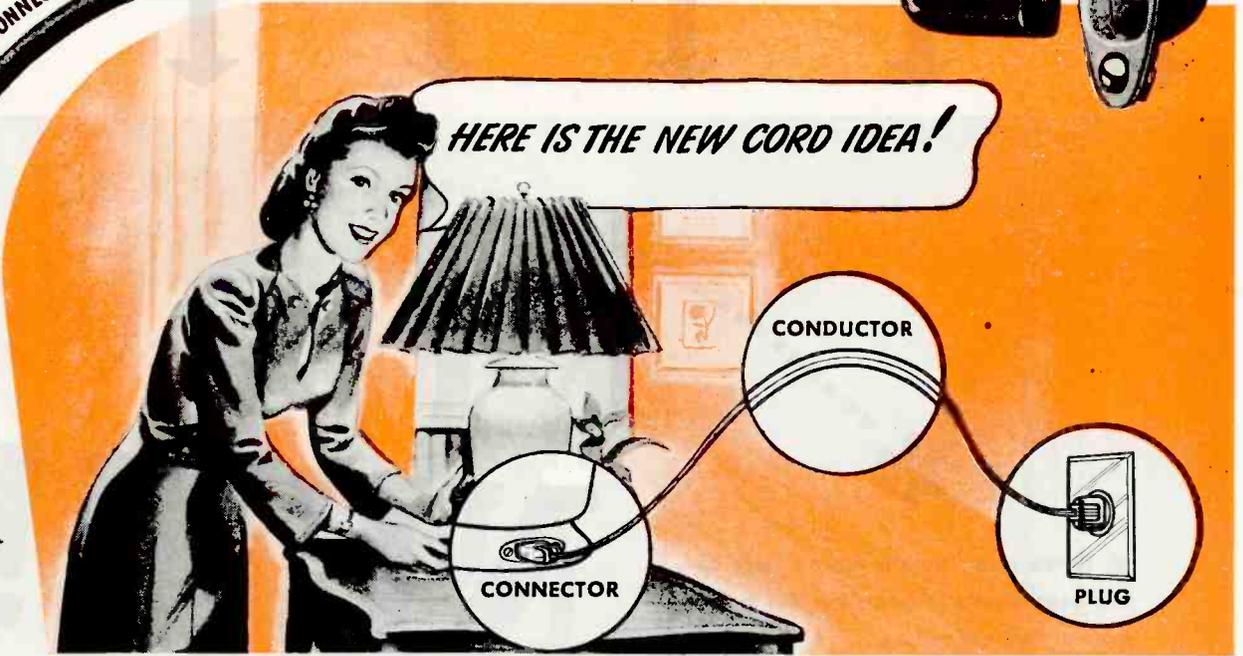
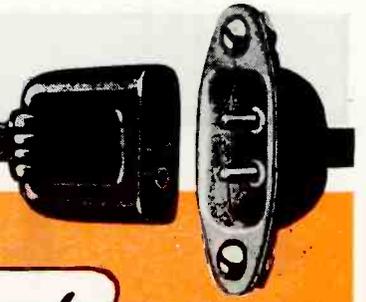
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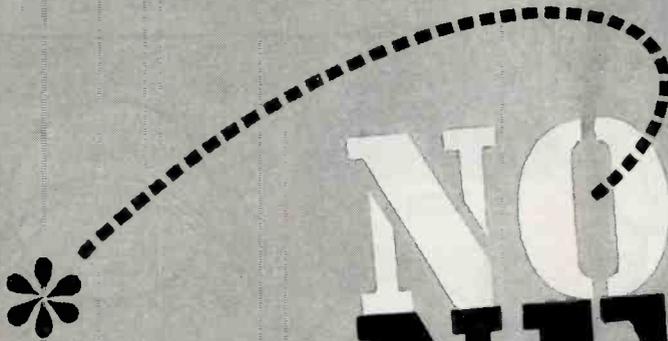
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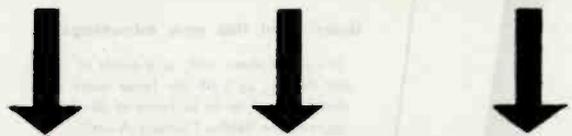
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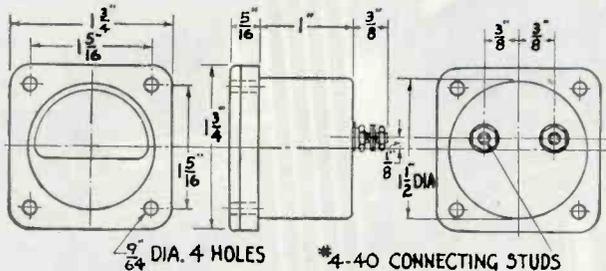
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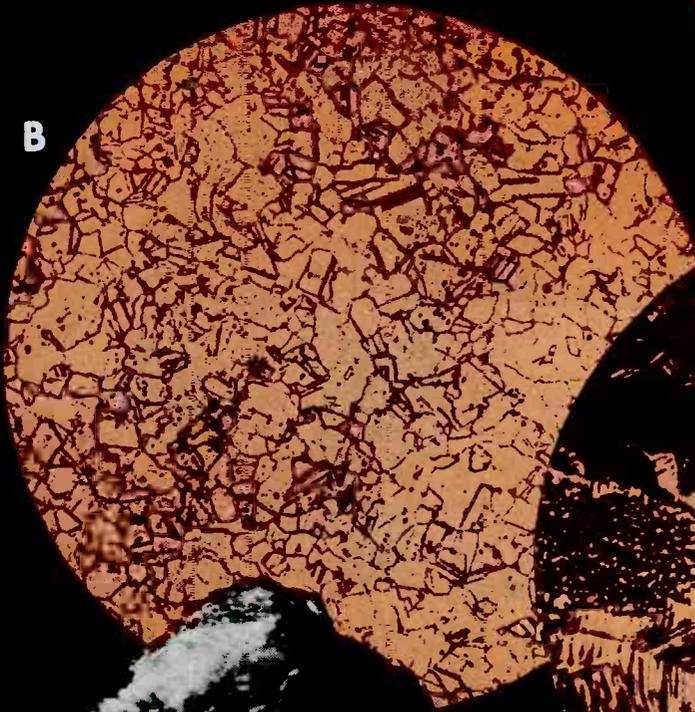
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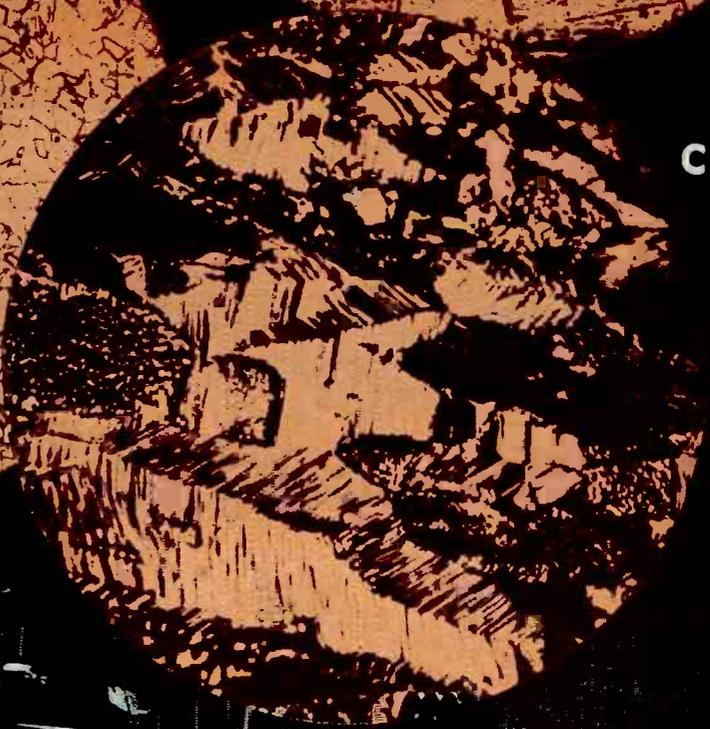
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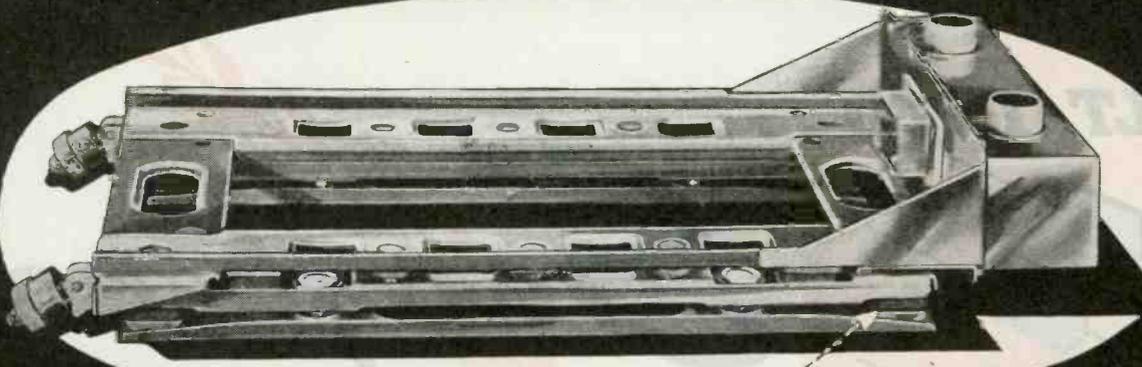
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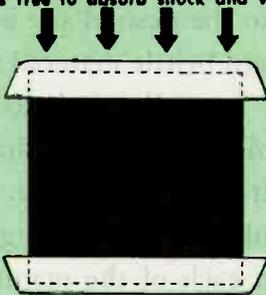
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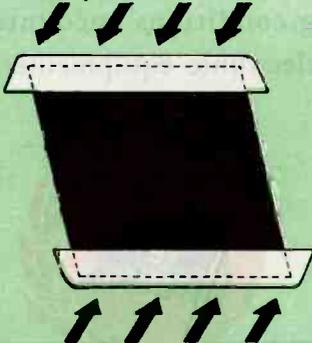
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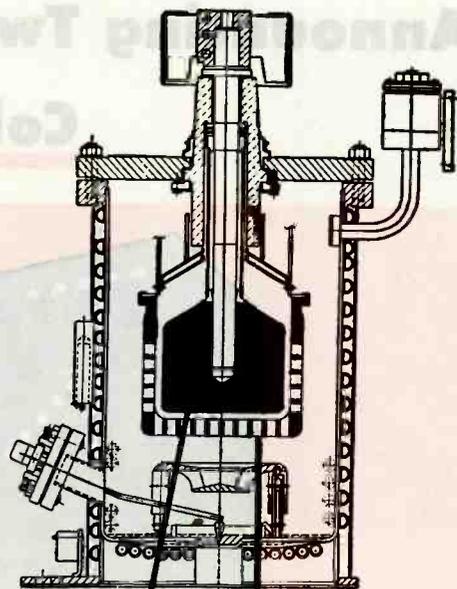
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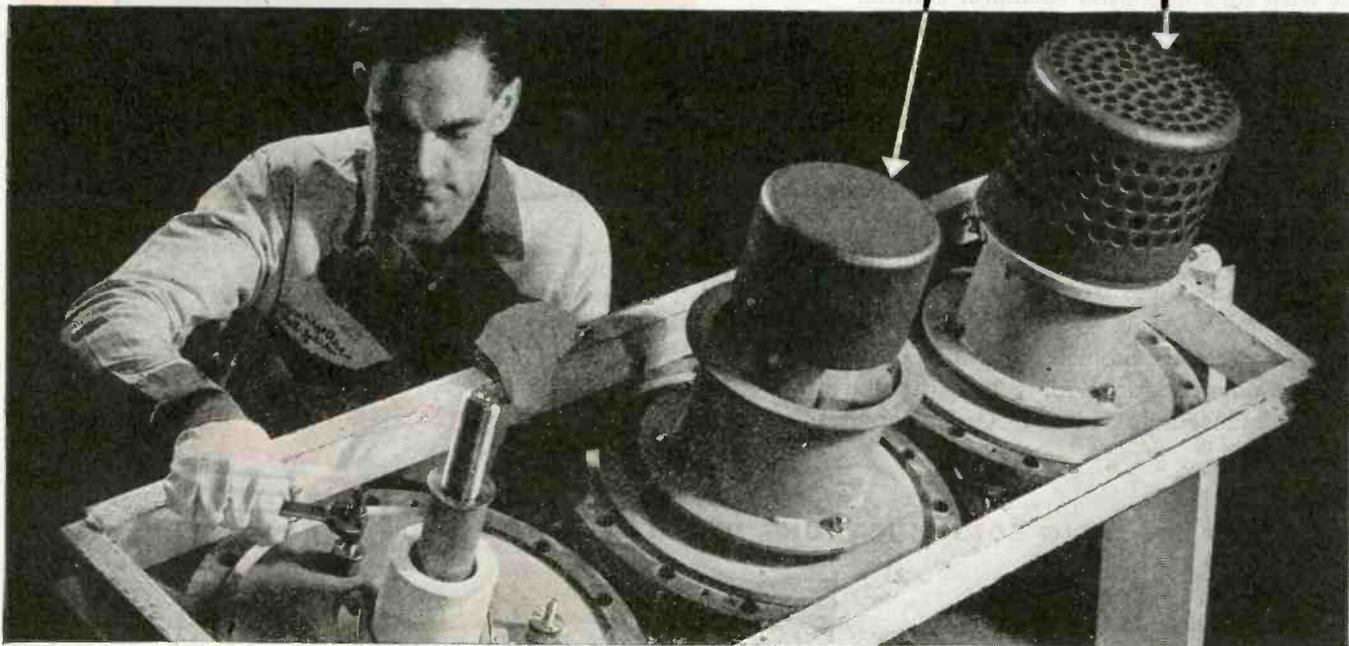
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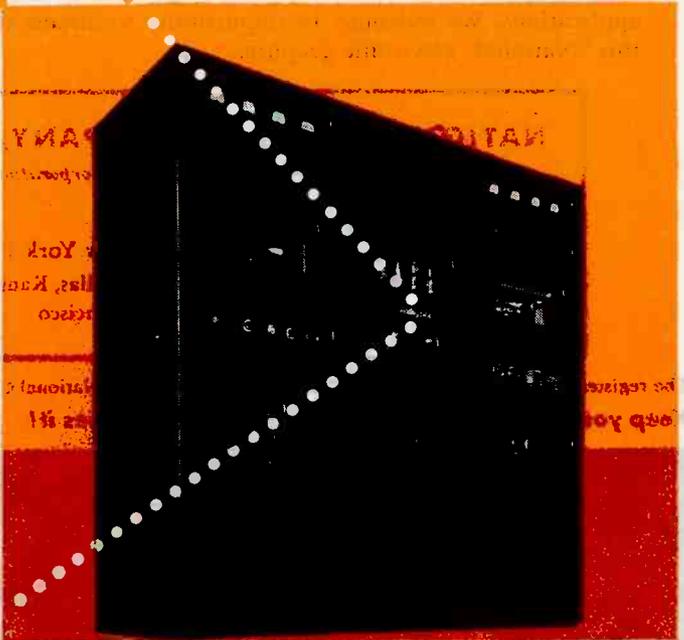
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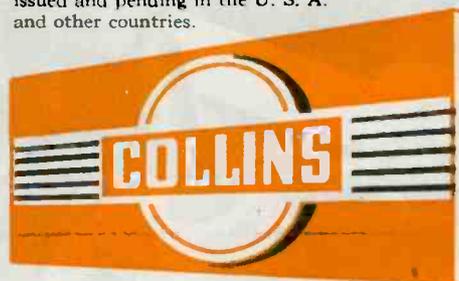
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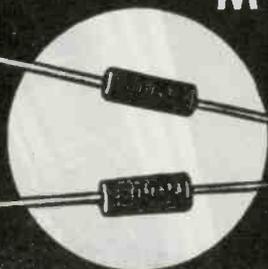
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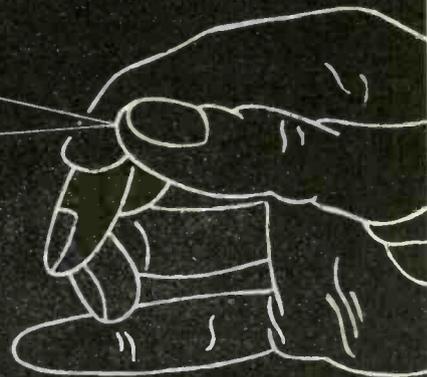
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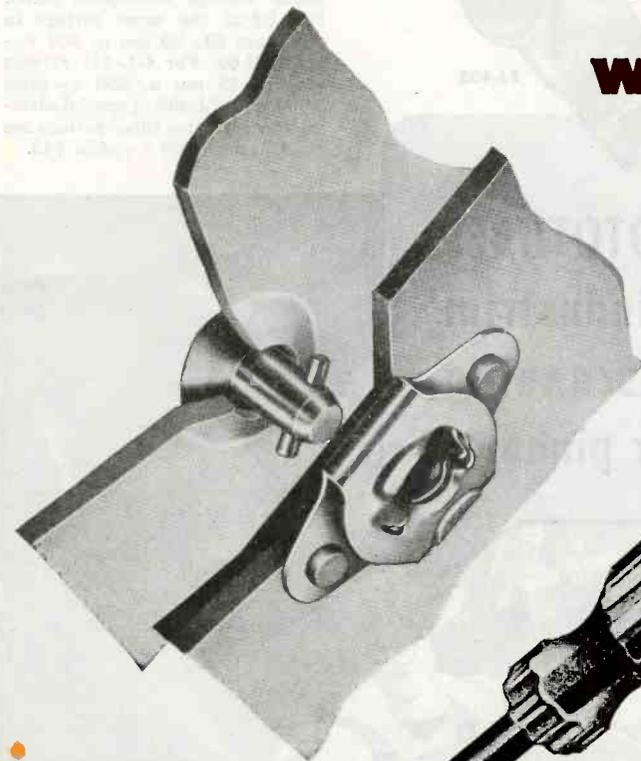
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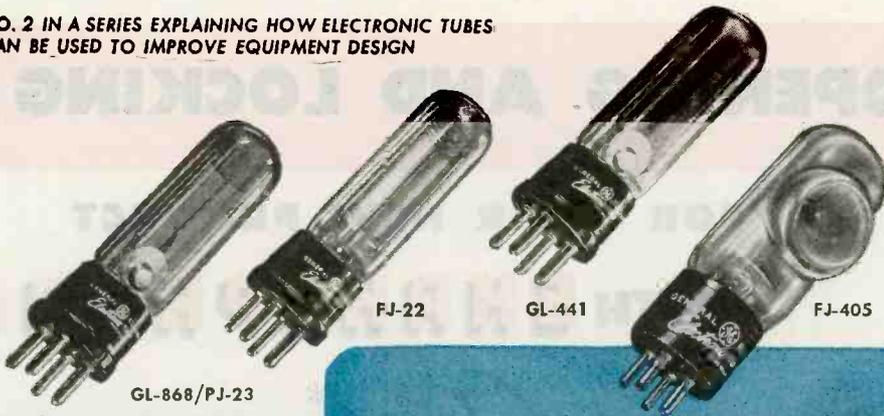
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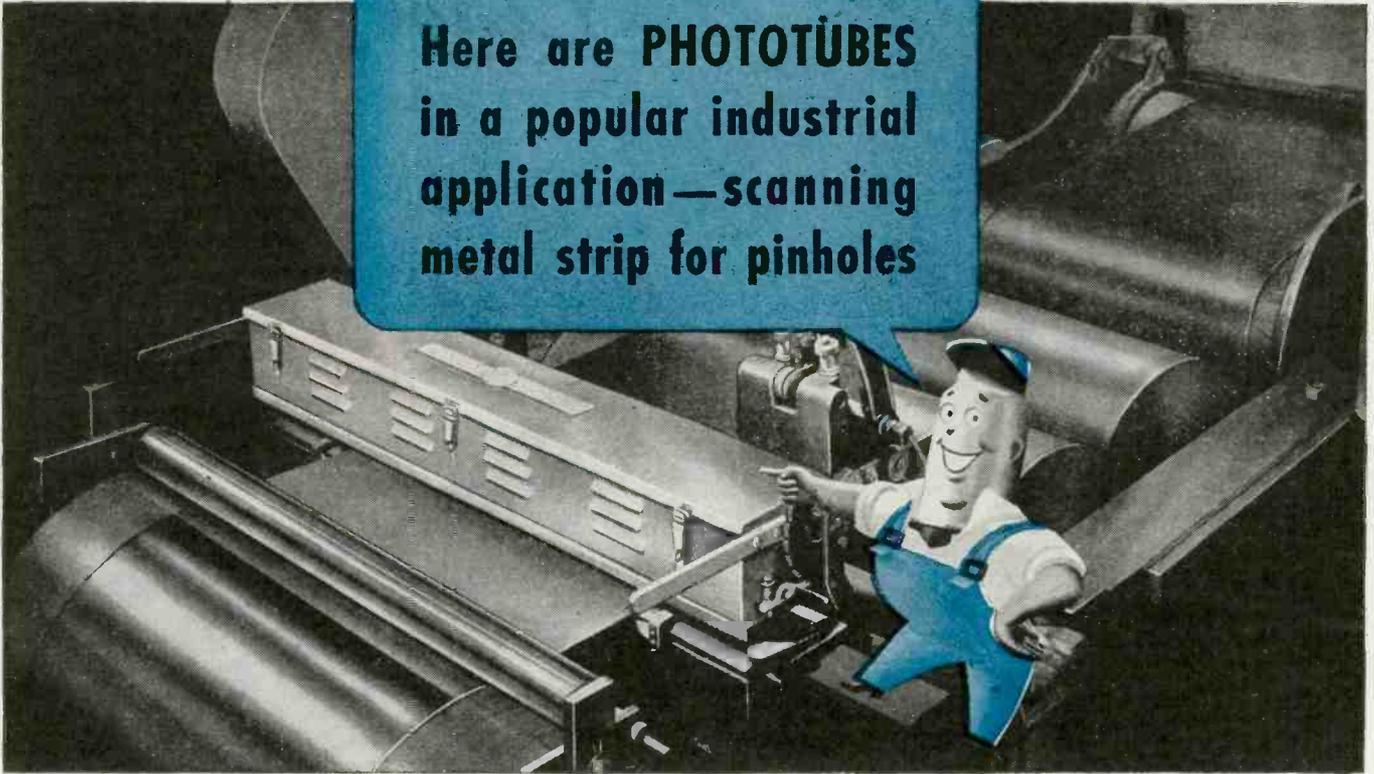
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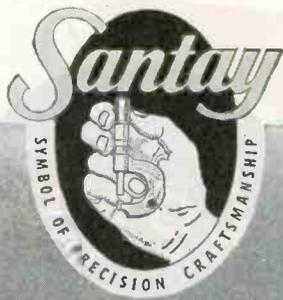
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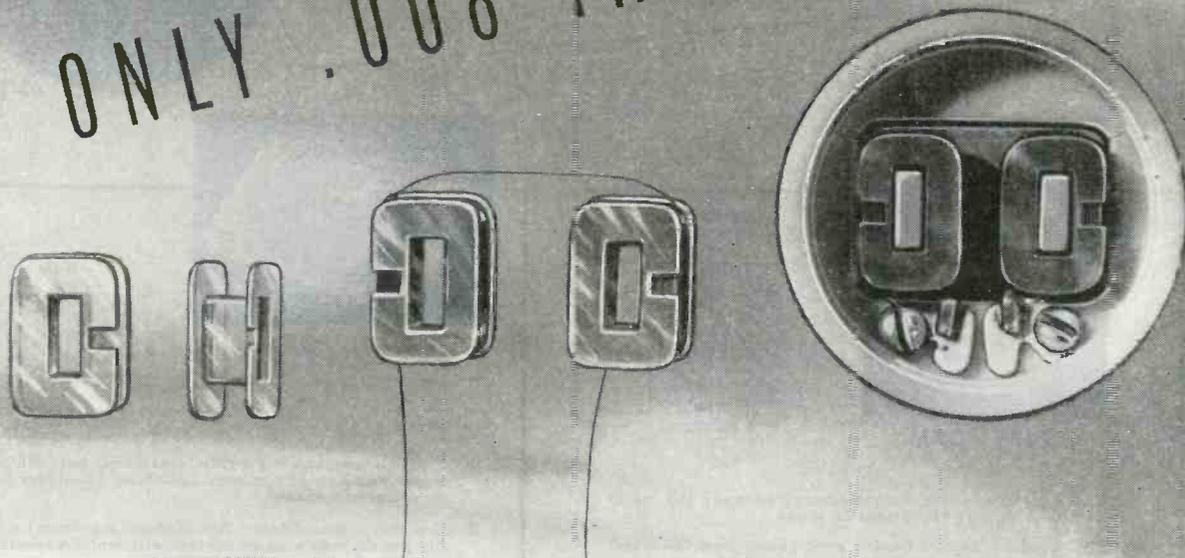
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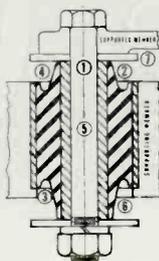
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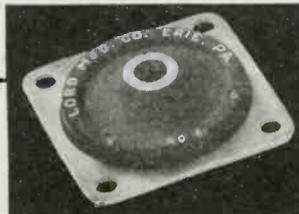
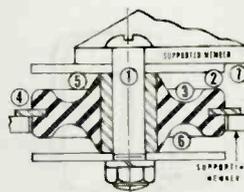


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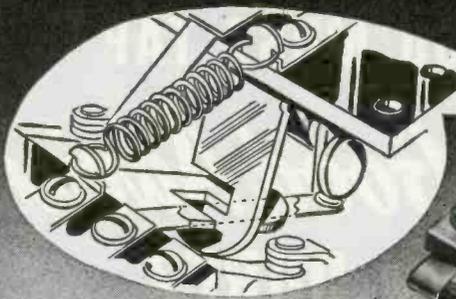
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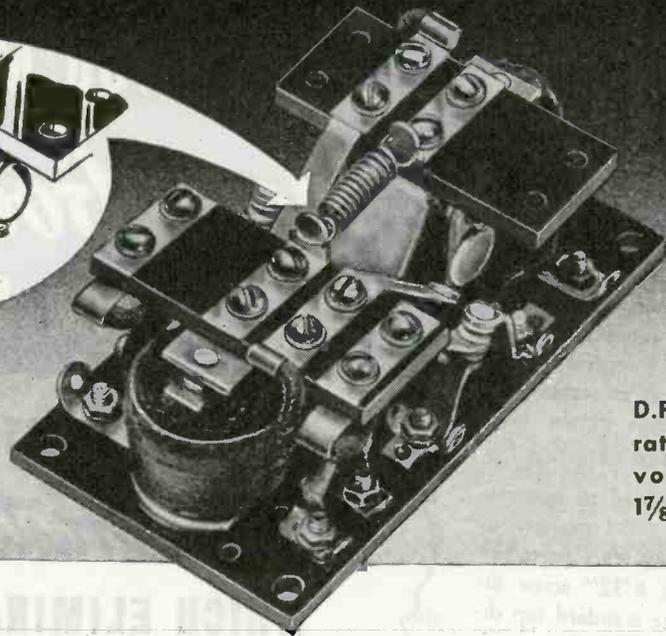
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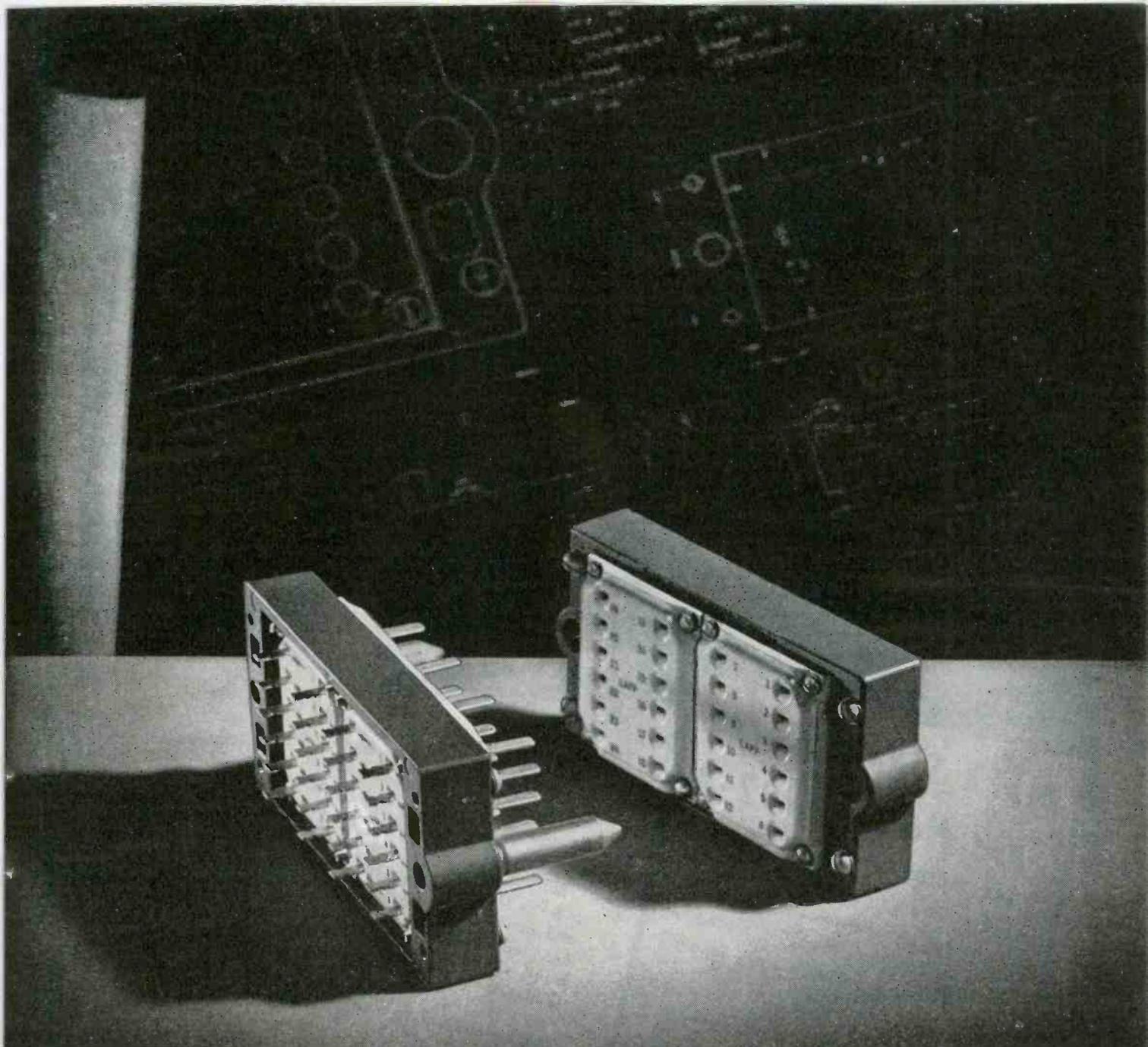
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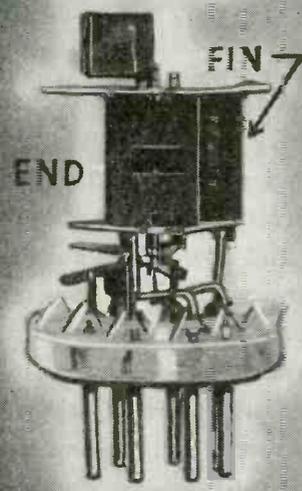
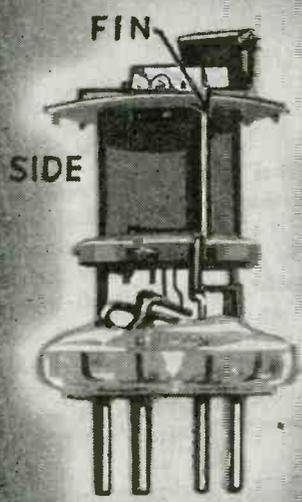
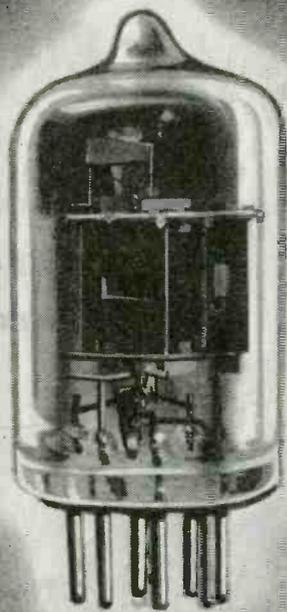
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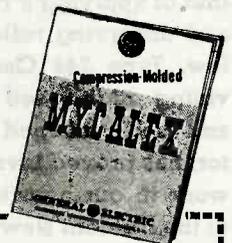
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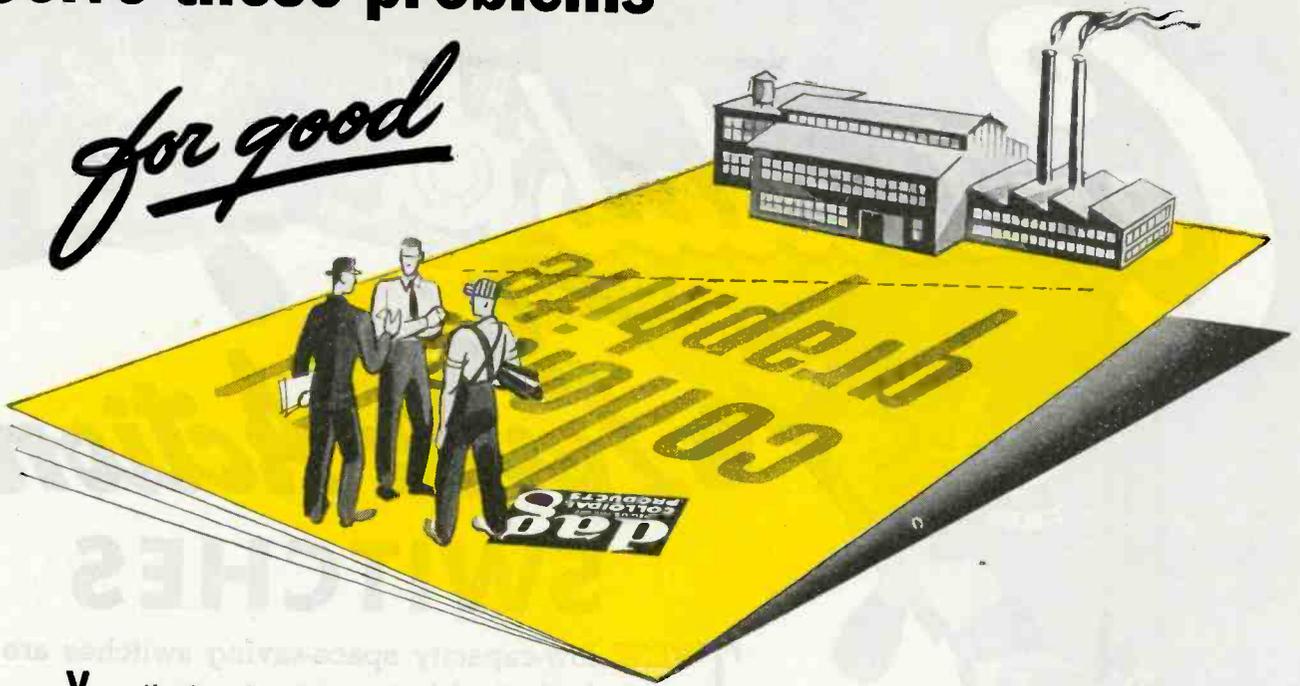
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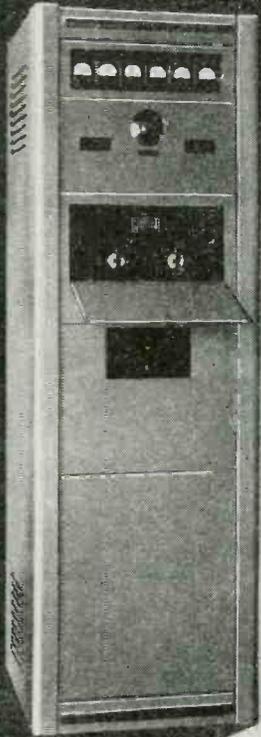


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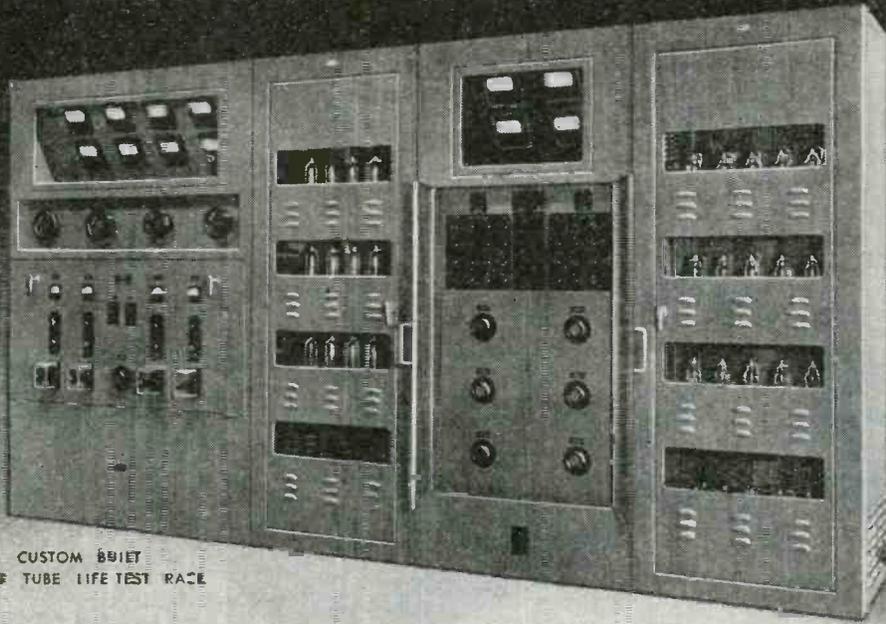
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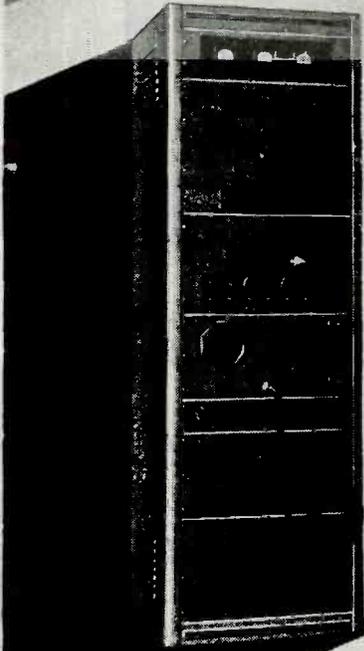
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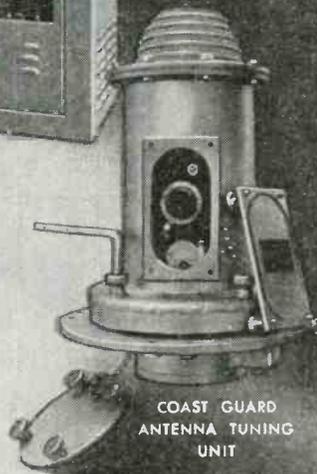
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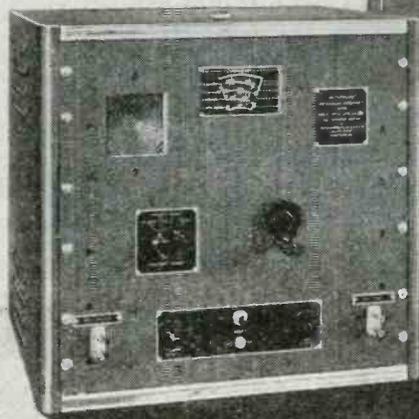
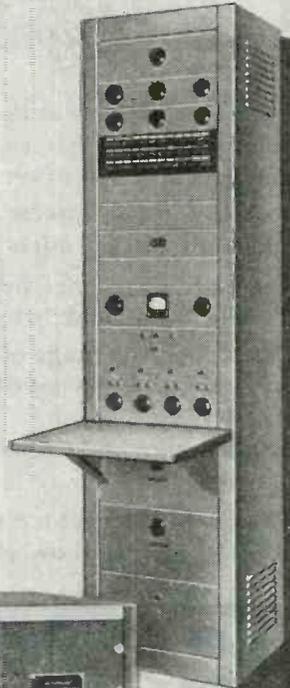
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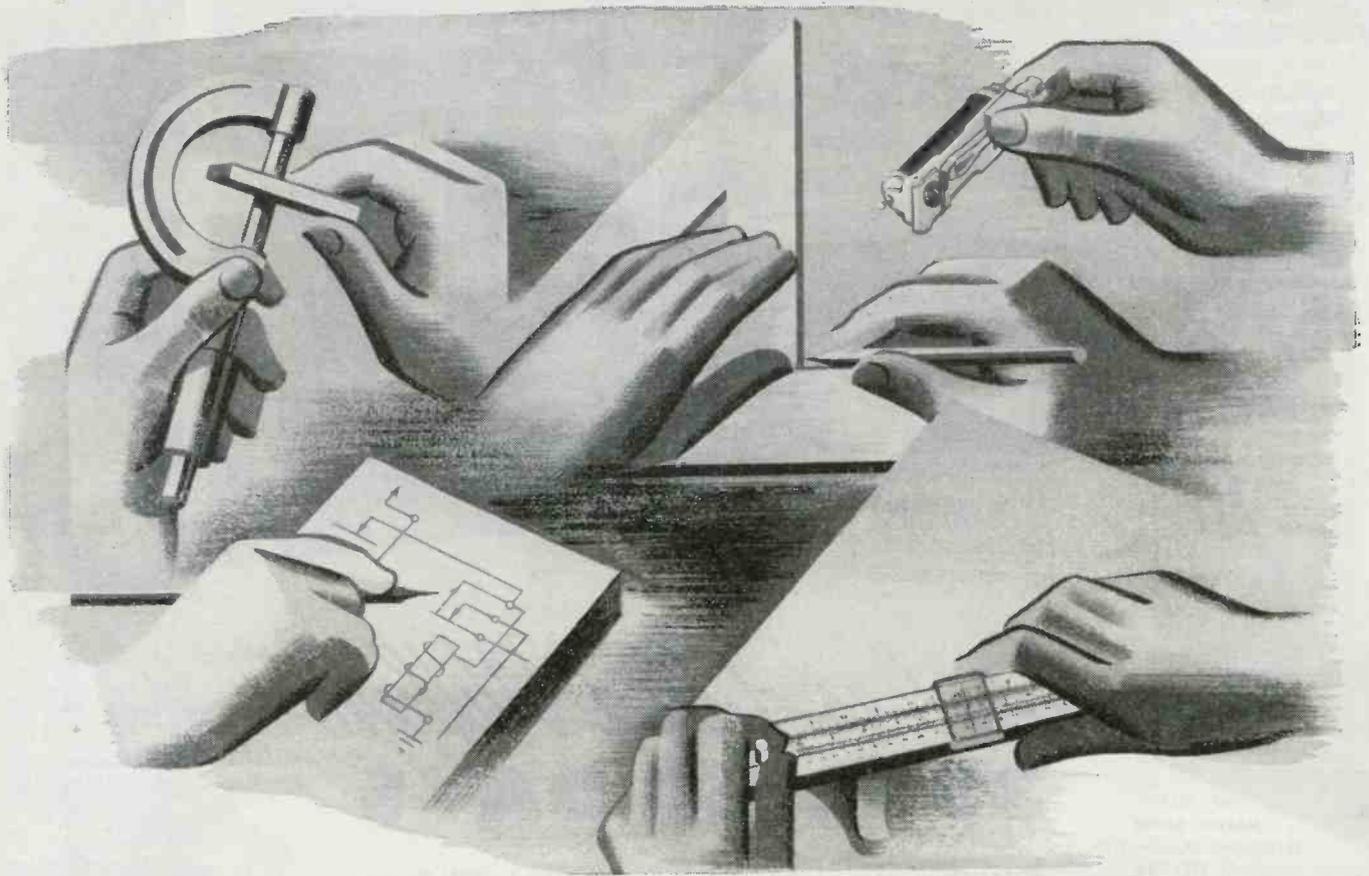


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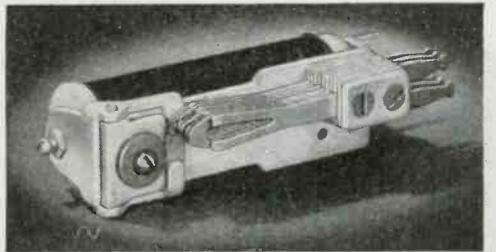
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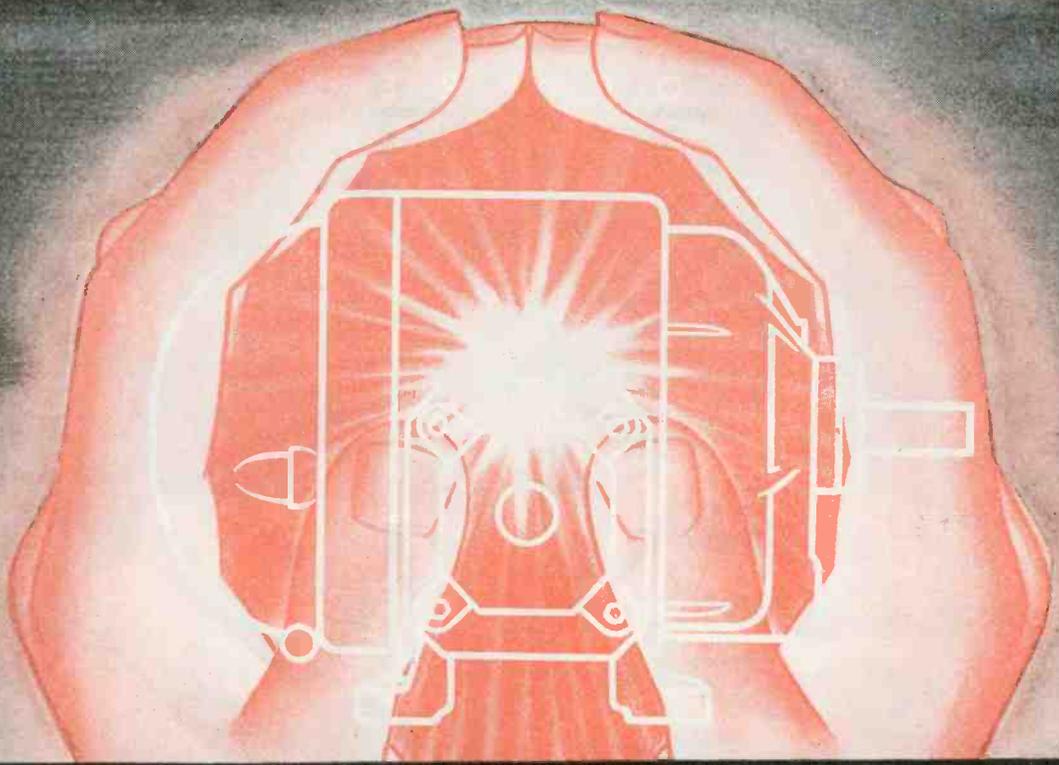


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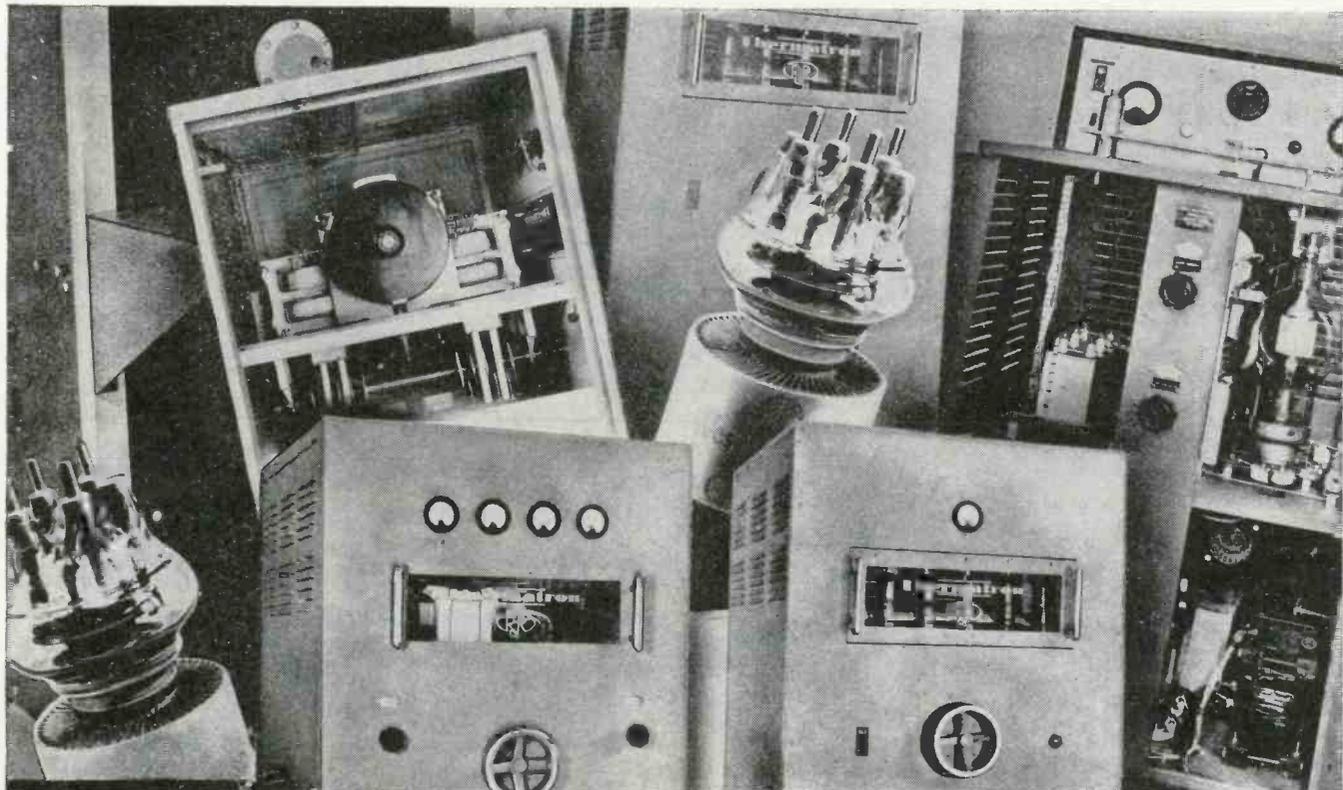
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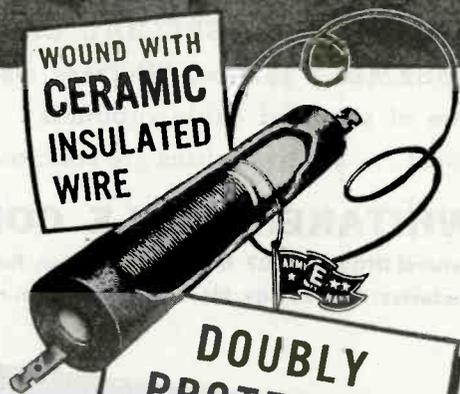
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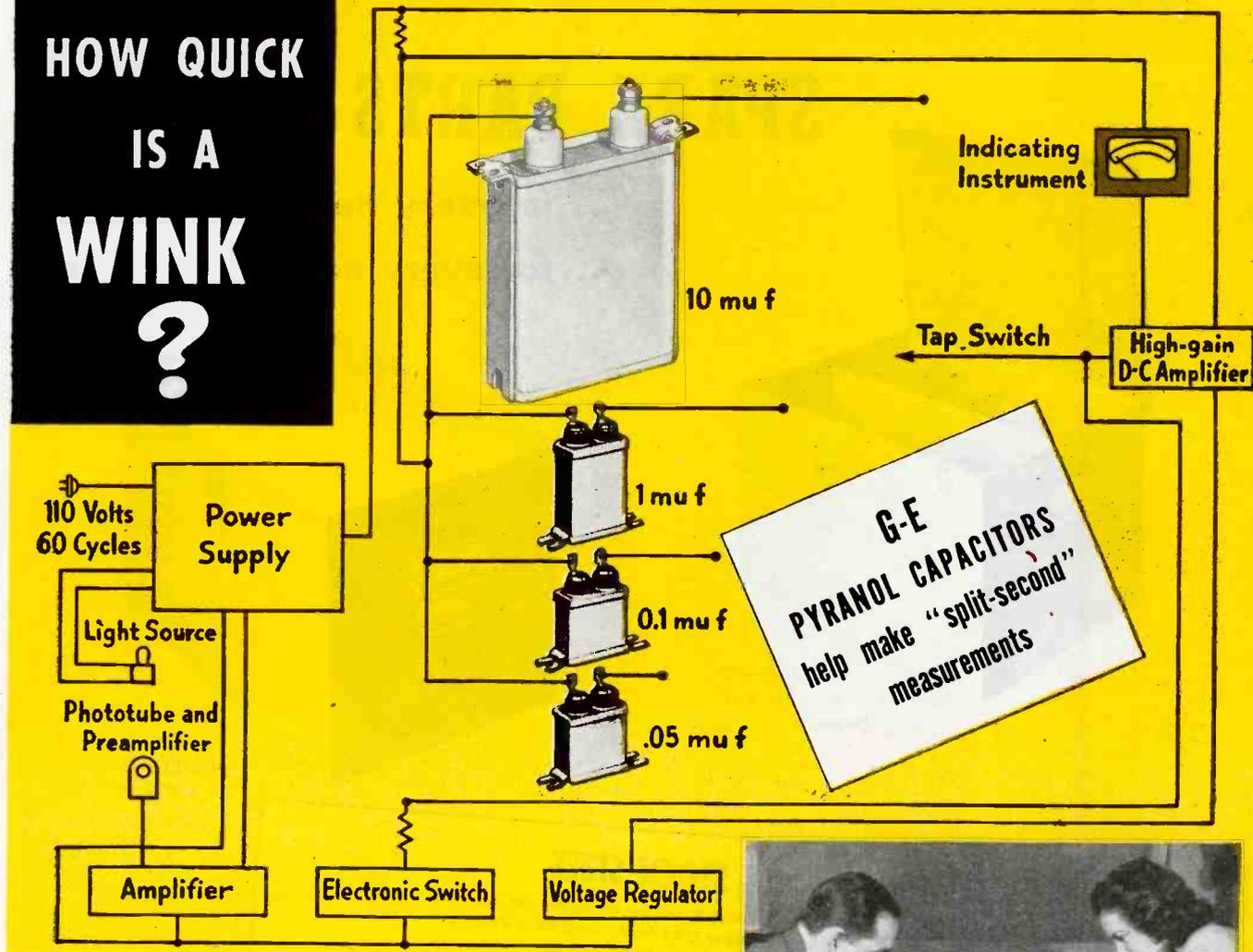
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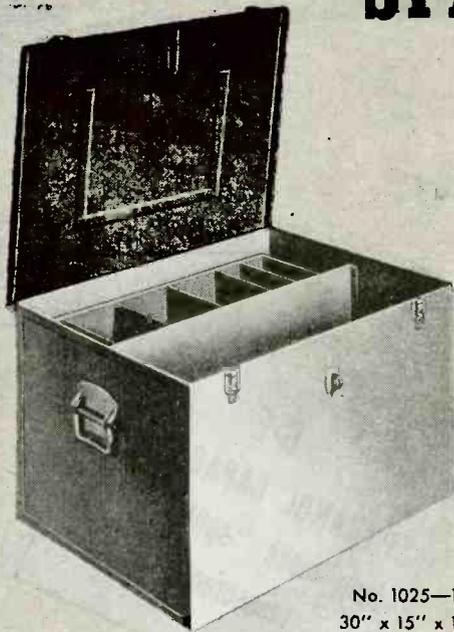
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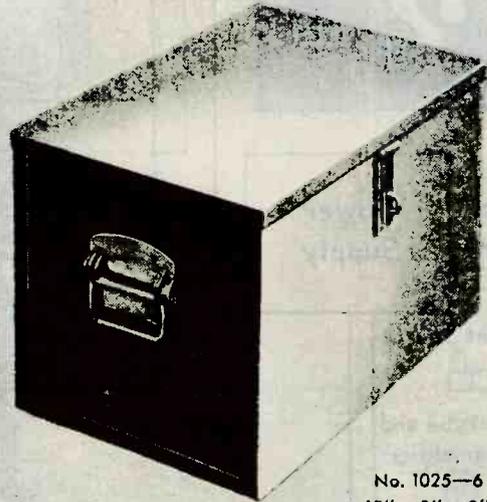


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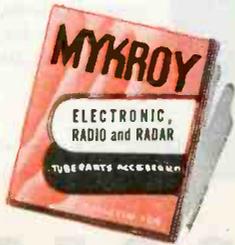


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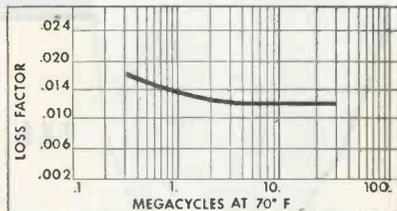
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HARDNESS	Mohs Scale 3-4 BHN. BHN 500 K9 Load. 63-74
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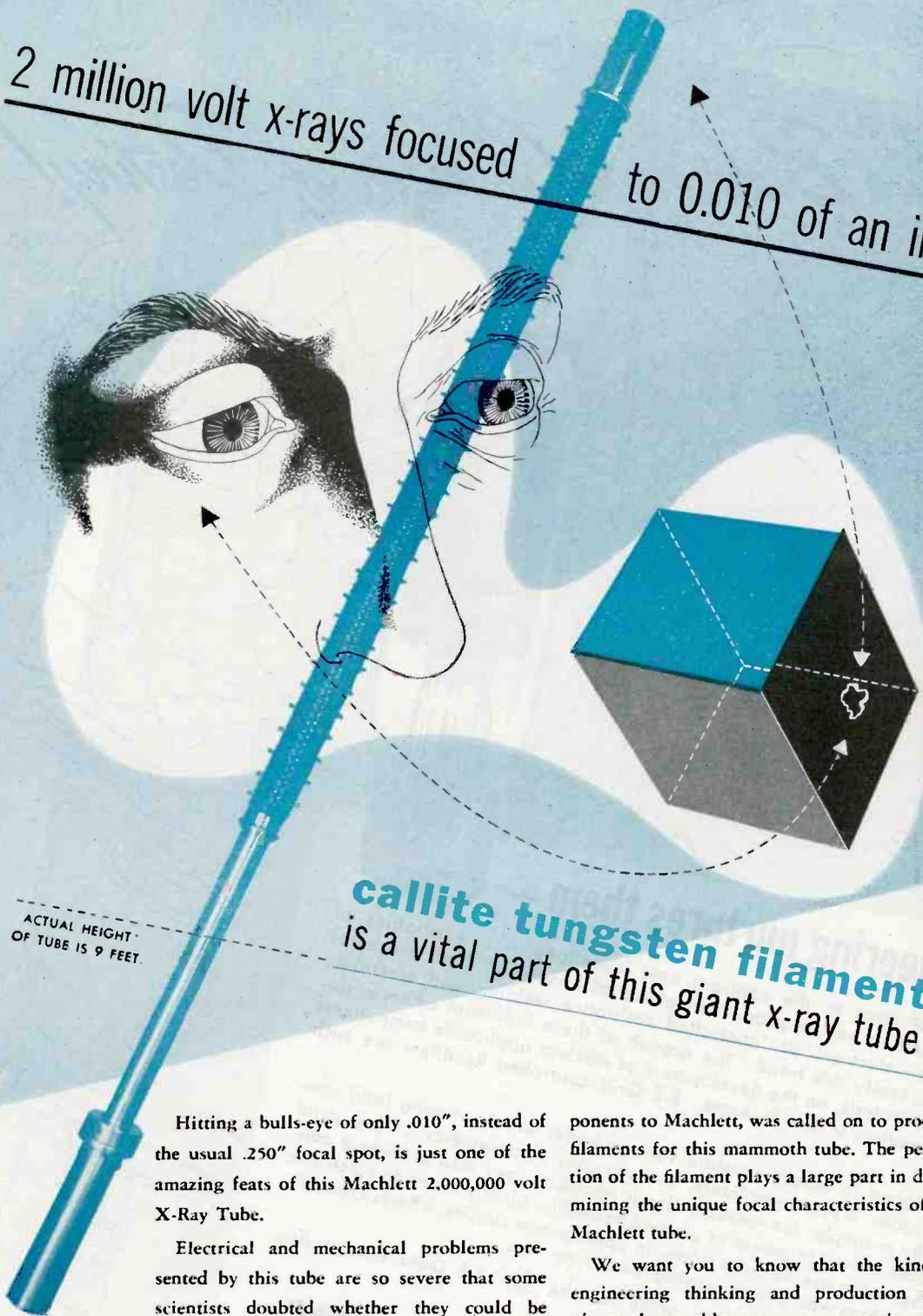
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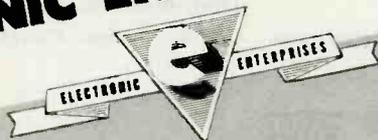
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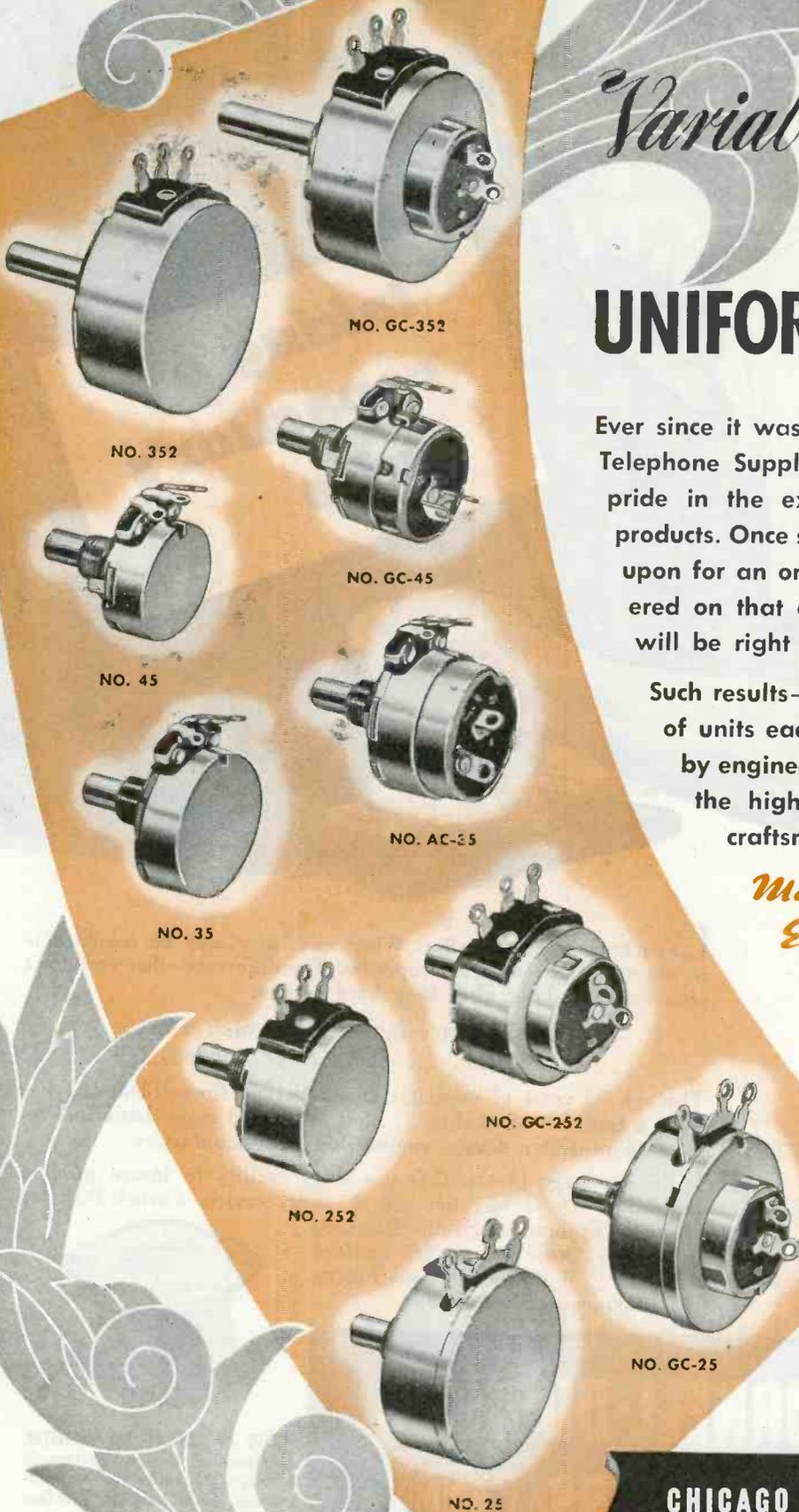
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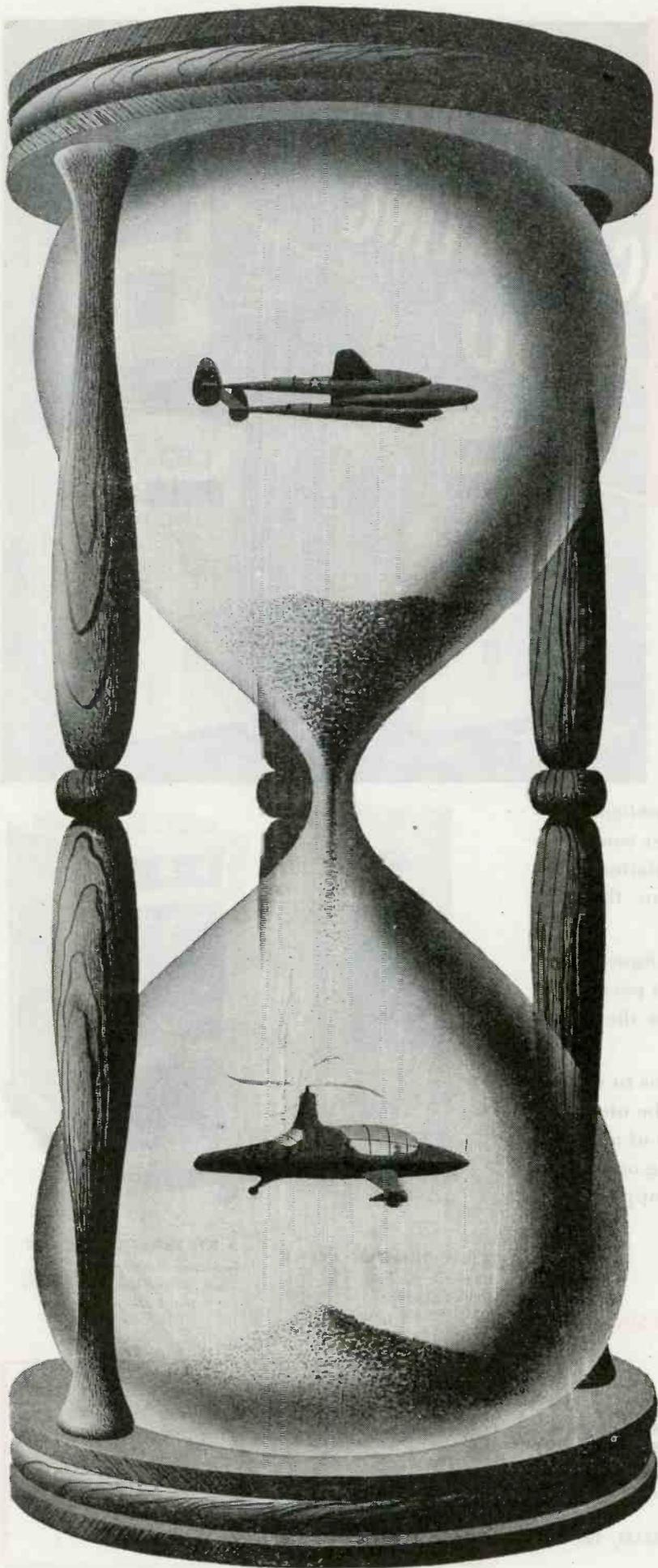


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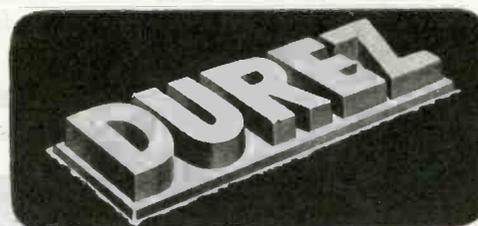
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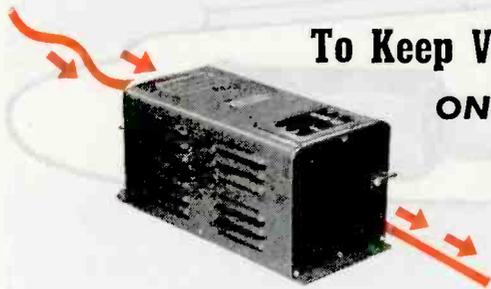
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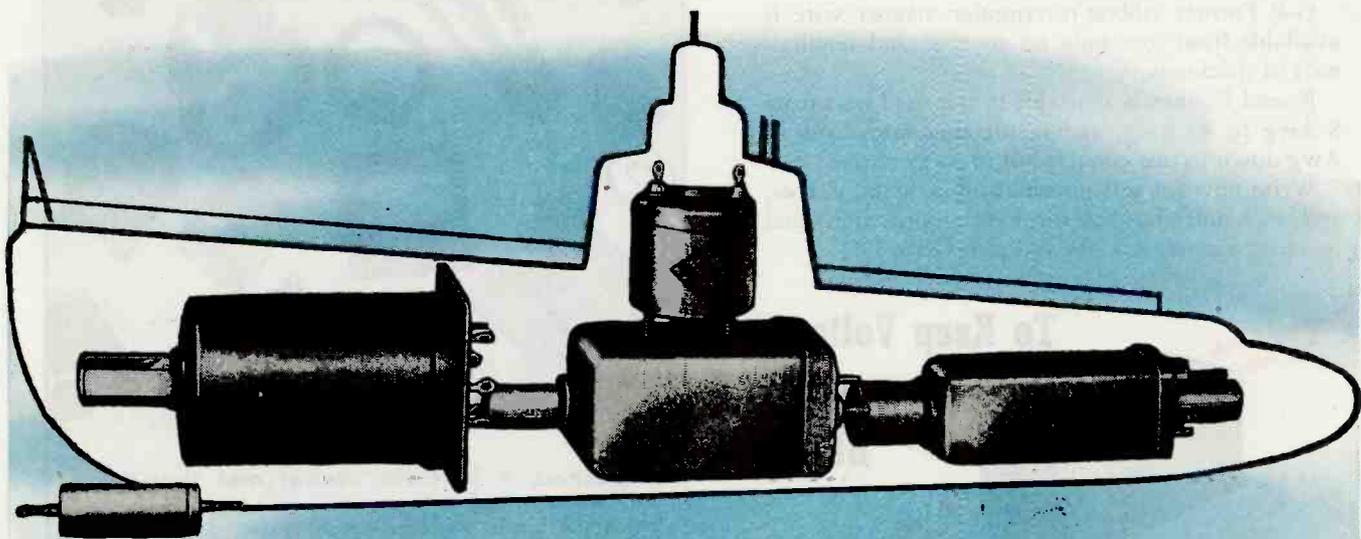
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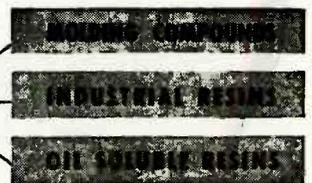
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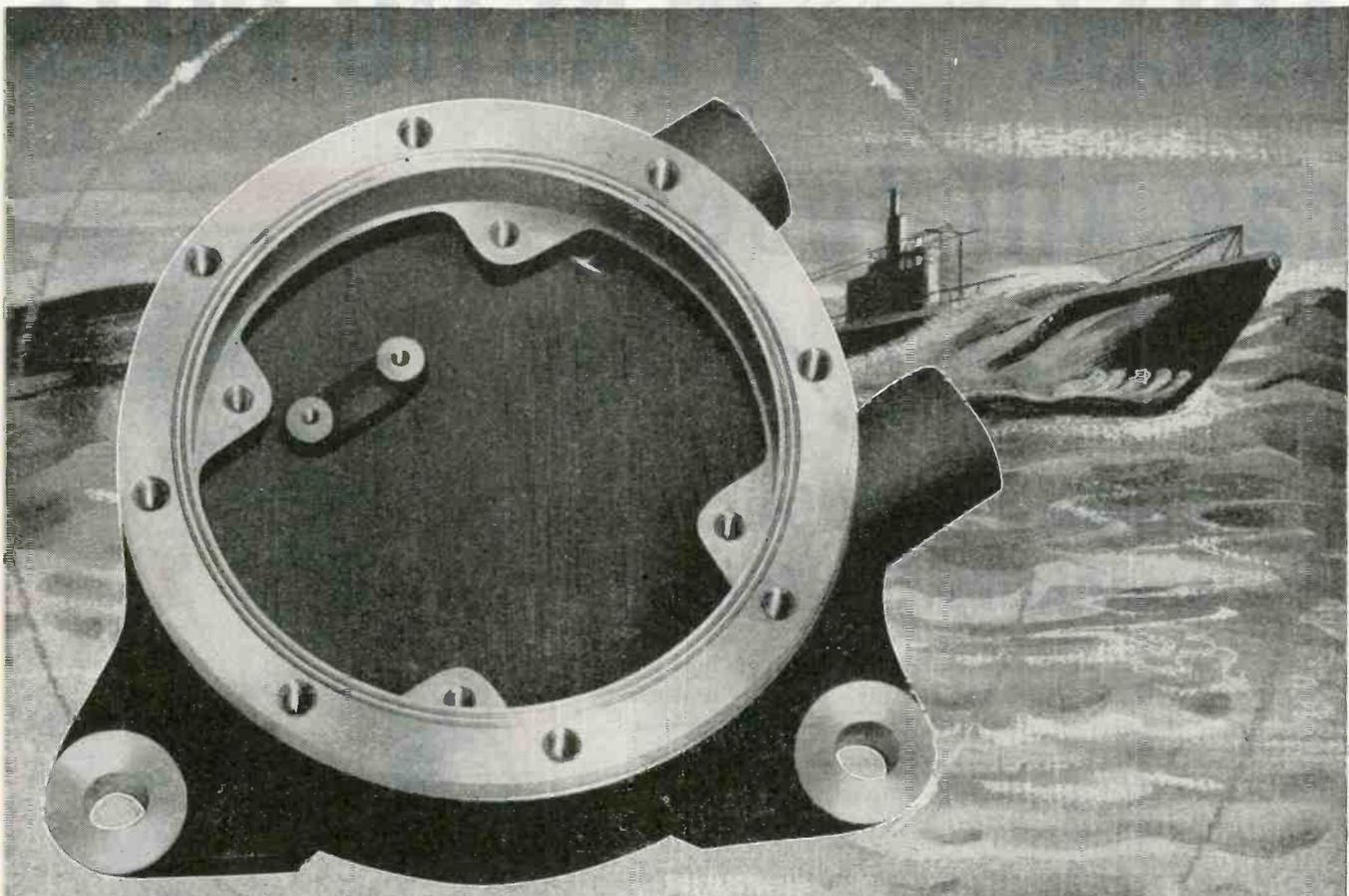
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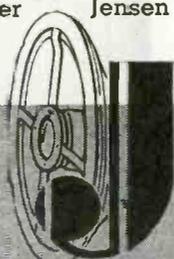


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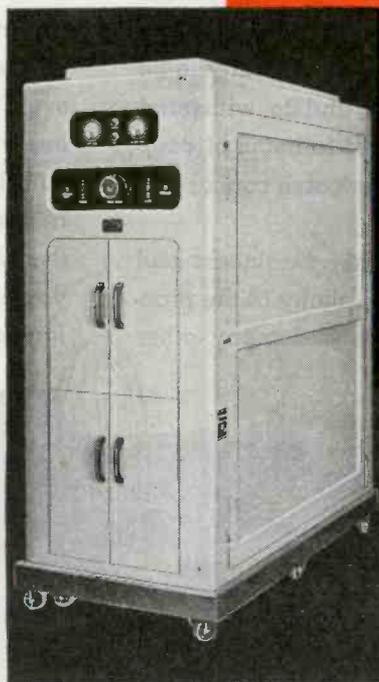
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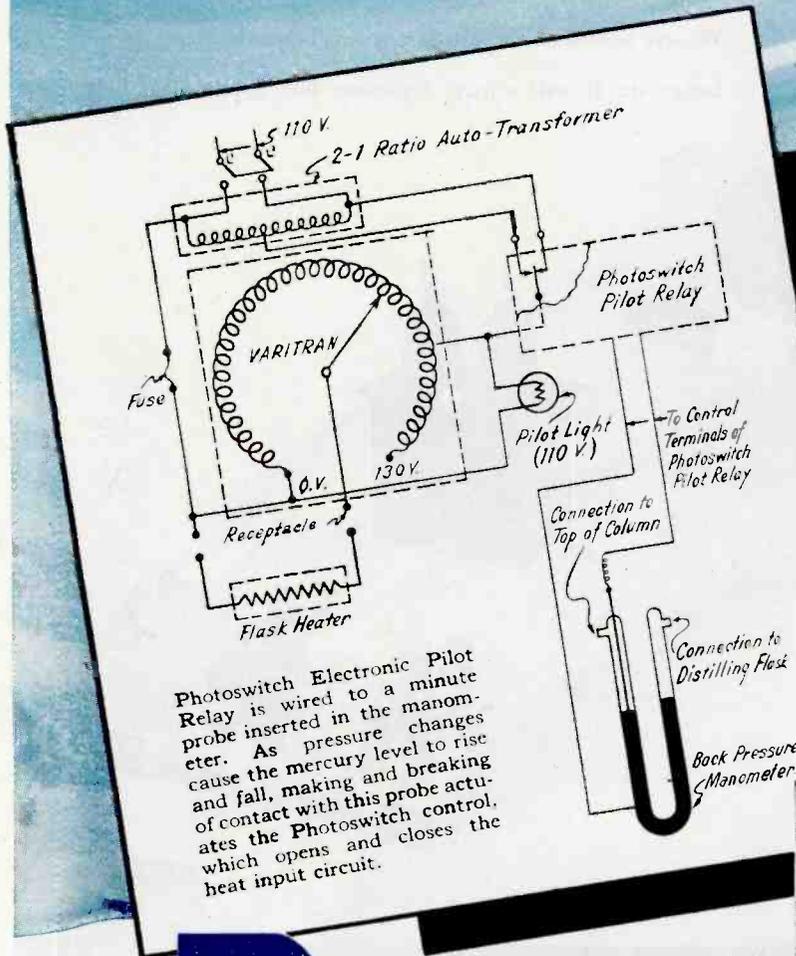
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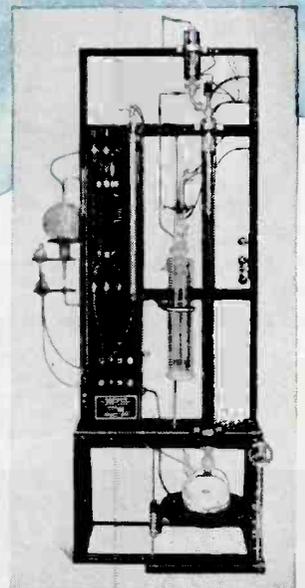
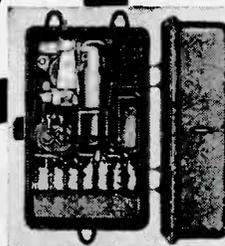
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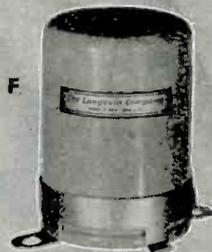
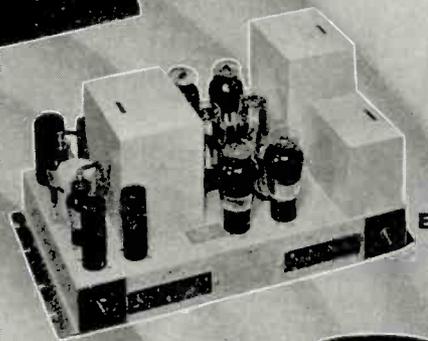
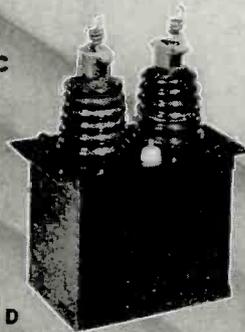
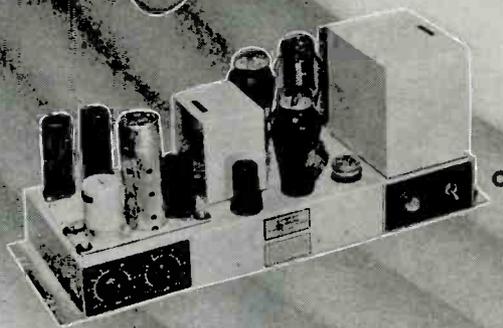
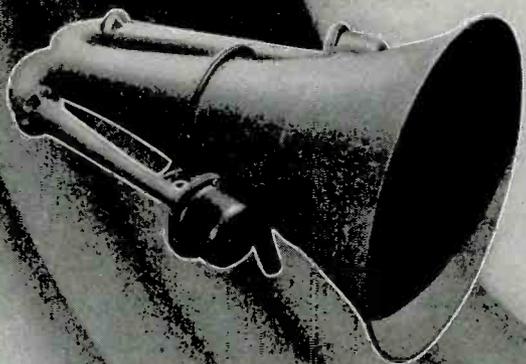
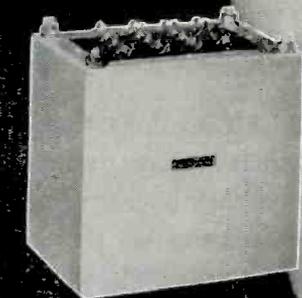
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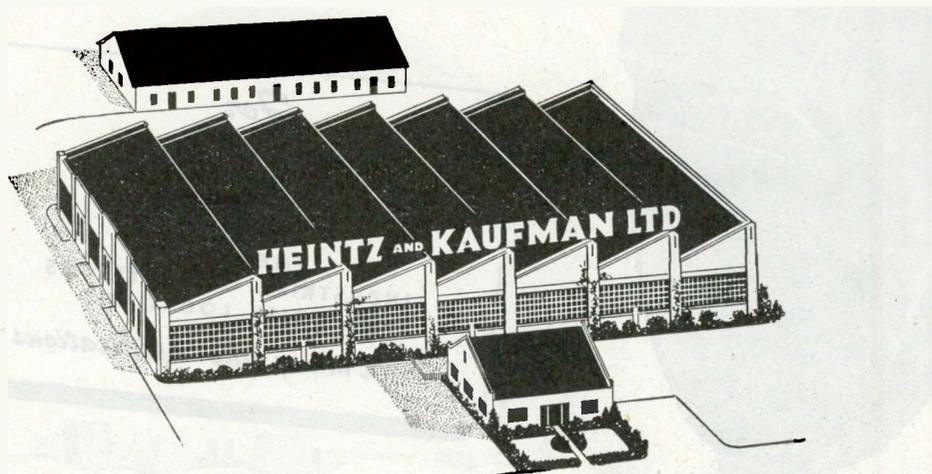
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# Electro-Voice MODEL 205-S



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## SPECIFICATIONS OF THE MODEL 205-S

**OUTPUT LEVEL:** Power rating: 27 db below 6 milliwatts for 10 bar pressure. **Voltage rating:** 10 db above .001 volt/bar, open circuit. Voltage developed by normal speech (100 bars): .32 volt.  
**FREQUENCY RESPONSE:** substantially flat from 100-4000 c.p.s.  
**ARTICULATION:** at least 97% articulation under quiet conditions; 88% under 115 db of ambient noise.  
**AVERAGE BACKGROUND NOISE REDUCTION:** 20 db and higher, depending on distance from noise source.  
**WEIGHT:** less than eight ounces.  
**INPUT:** standard single button input is required.  
**CURRENT:** 10-50 milliampere button current.  
**HOUSING:** molded, high impact phenolic housing; minimum wall thickness, 5/32". vinylite carbon retainer.

**TEMPERATURE RANGE:** from -40° to +185°F.  
**PRESS-TO-TALK SWITCH:** available with or without hold-down lock. Double pole double throw contacts provide an optional wide assortment of switch circuits.  
**STANDARD SWITCH CIRCUIT:** provides closing of button circuit and relay simultaneously.  
**THERMAL NOISE:** less than 1 millivolt with 50 milliamperes through button.  
**STURDY CONSTRUCTION:** capable of withstanding impact of more than 10,000 6" drops to hard surface.  
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RG-9/U	53.5	29	7-21 SILVER*	.280	SILVER*		BLACK VINYL†	.405	ARMOR .475
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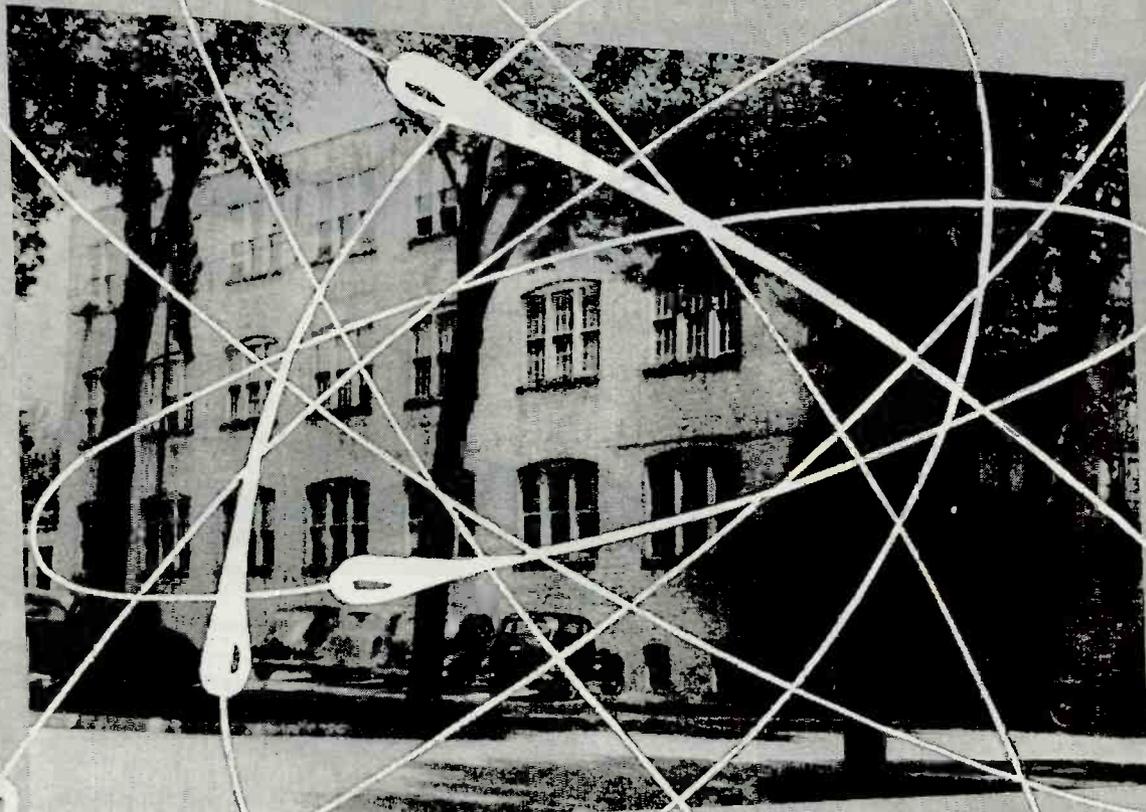


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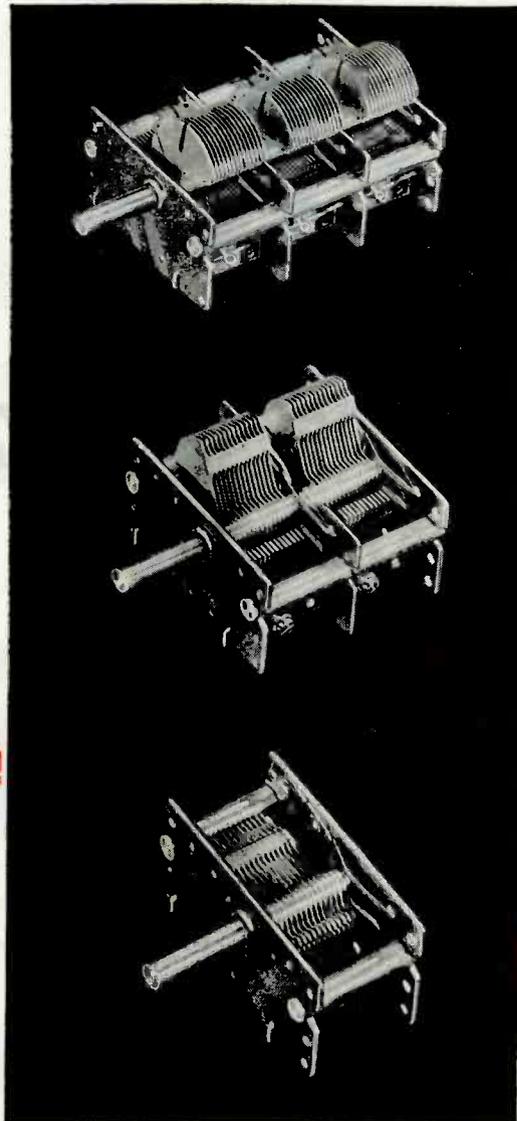
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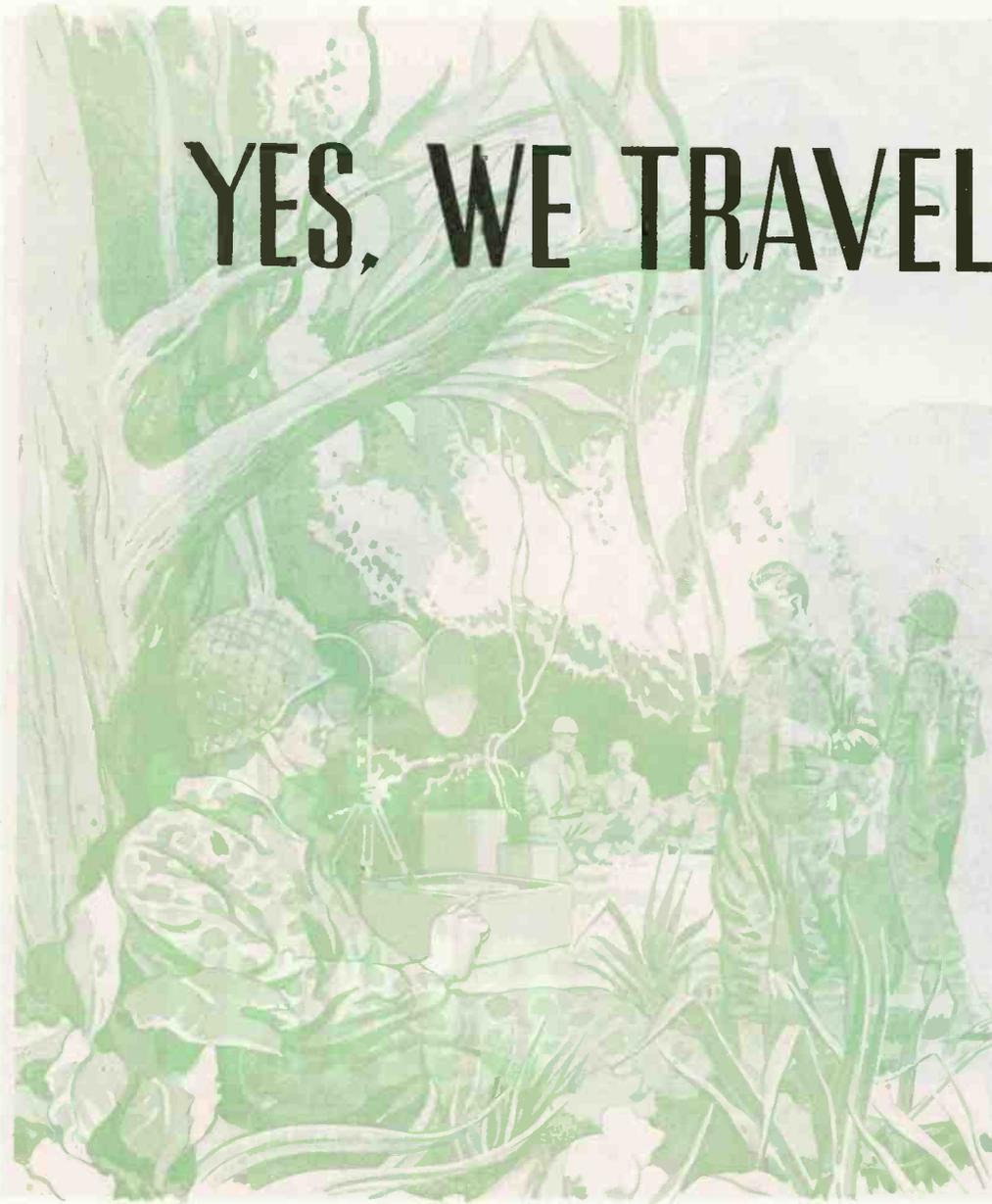
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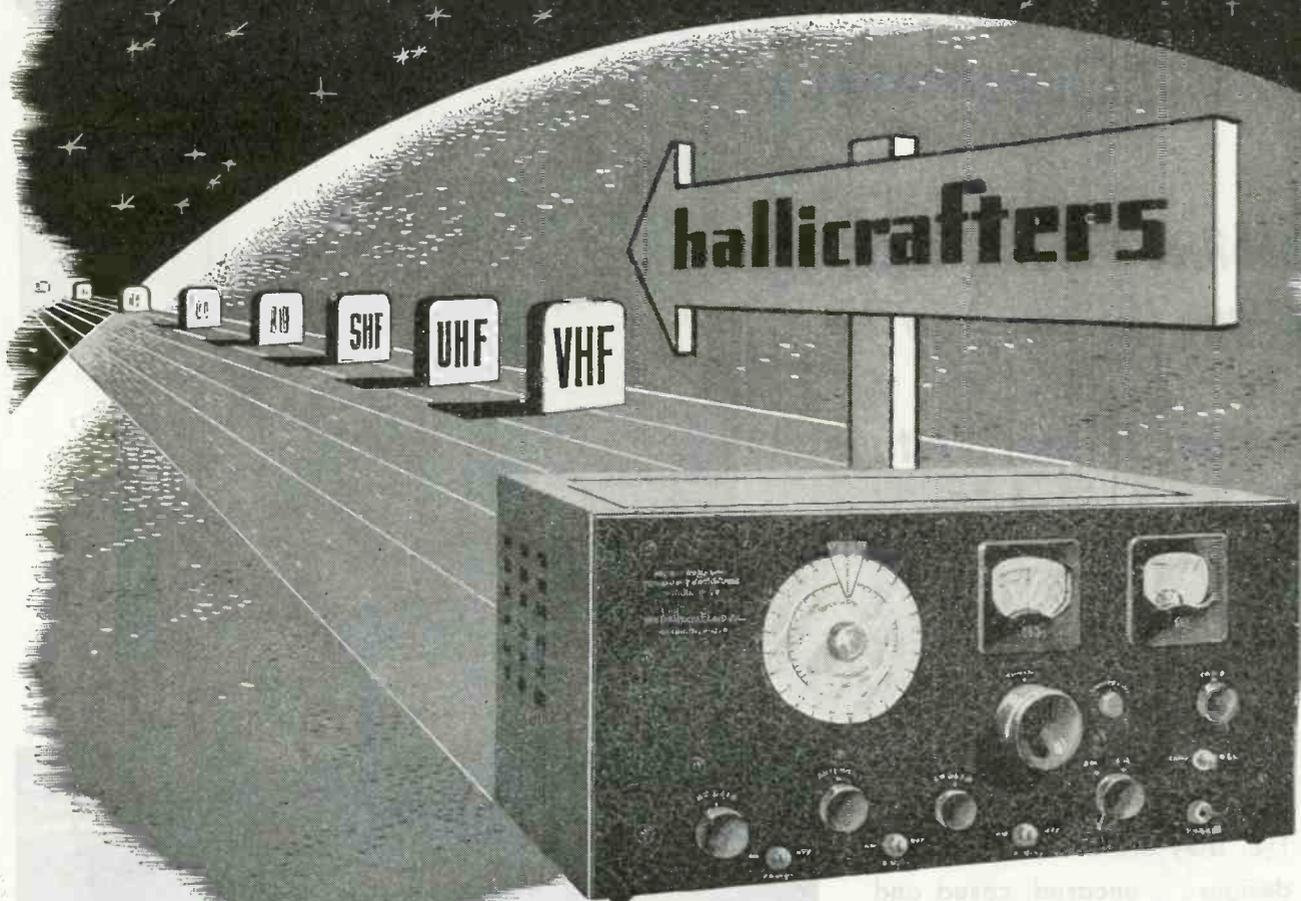
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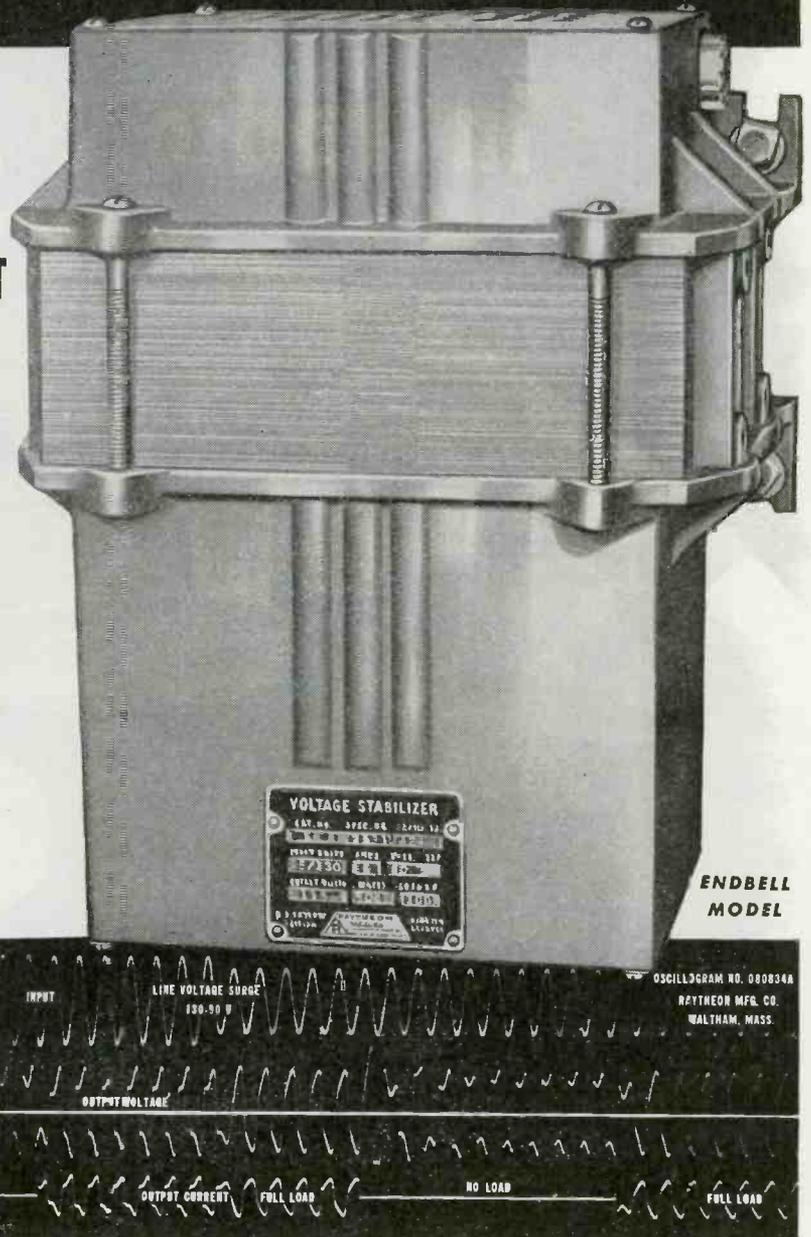
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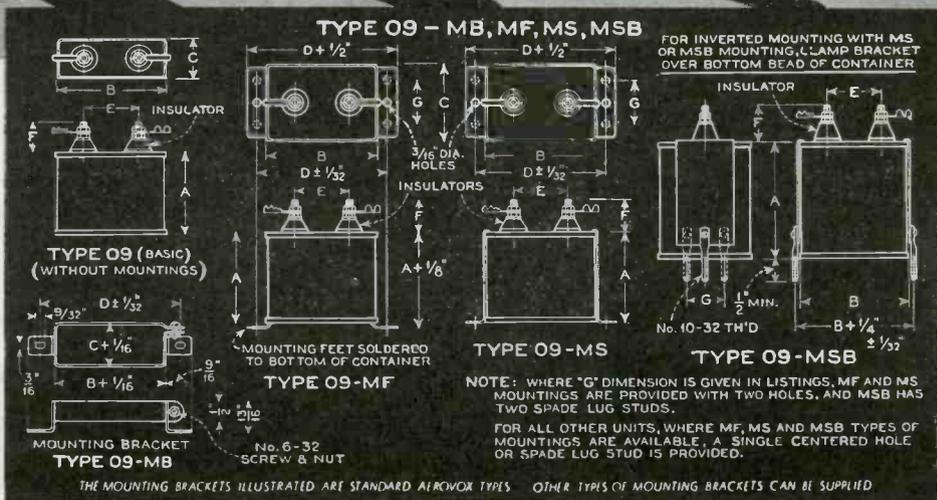
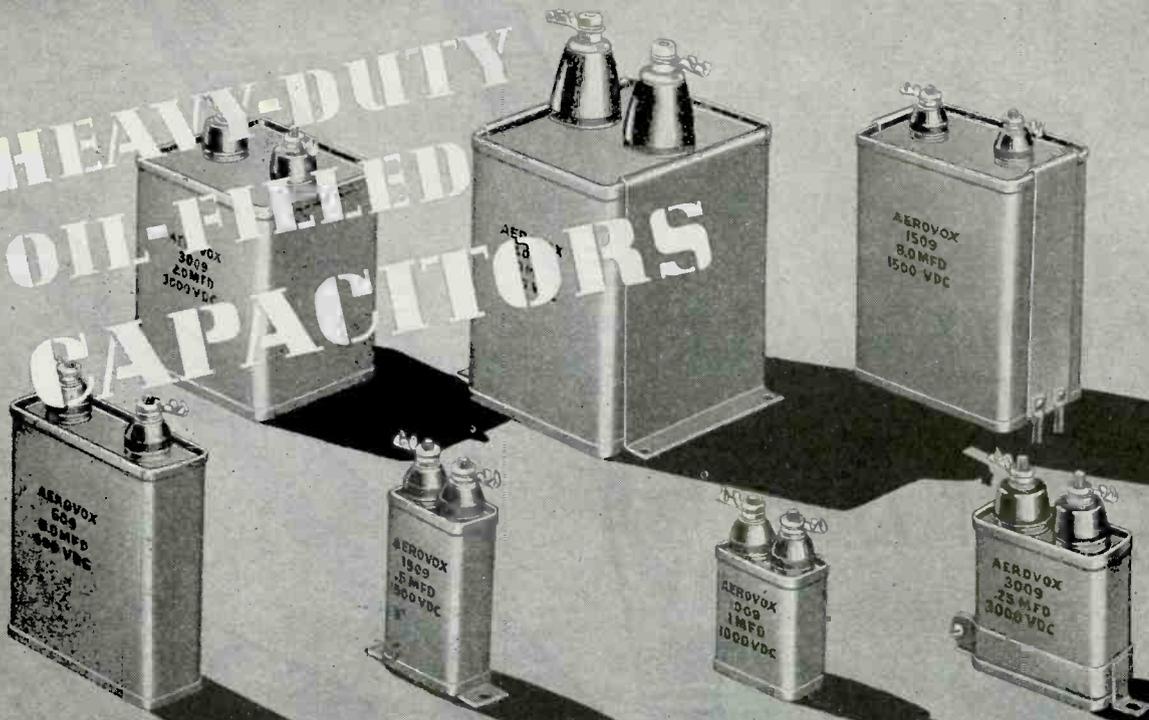
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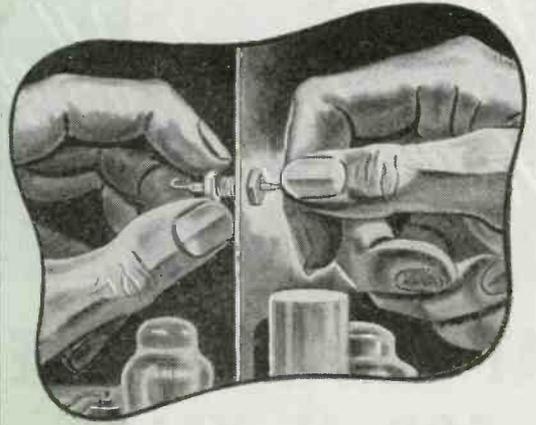
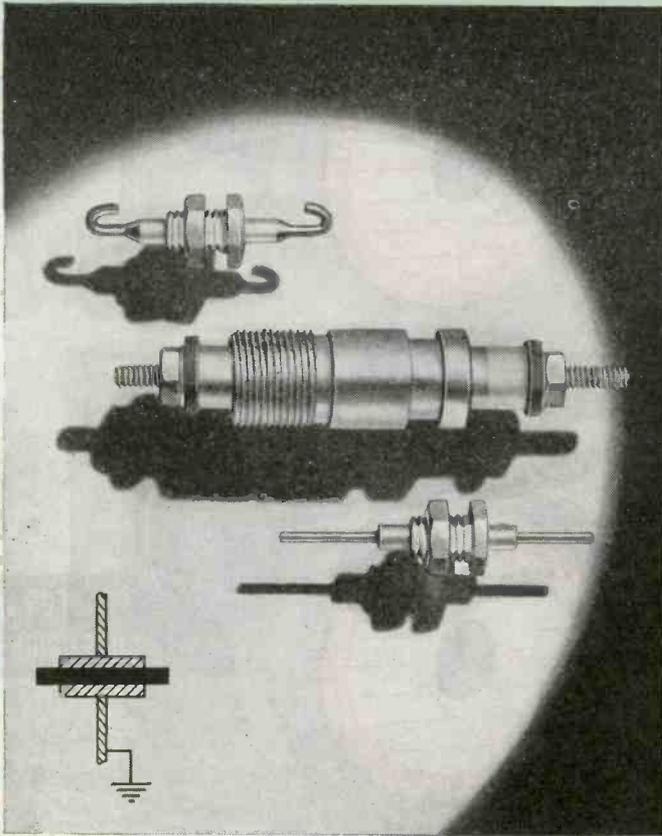
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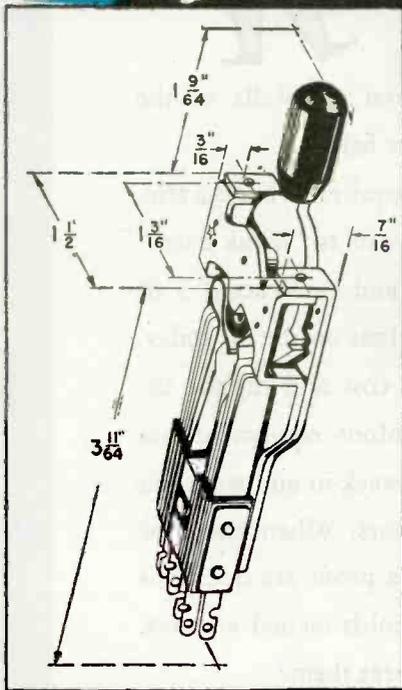
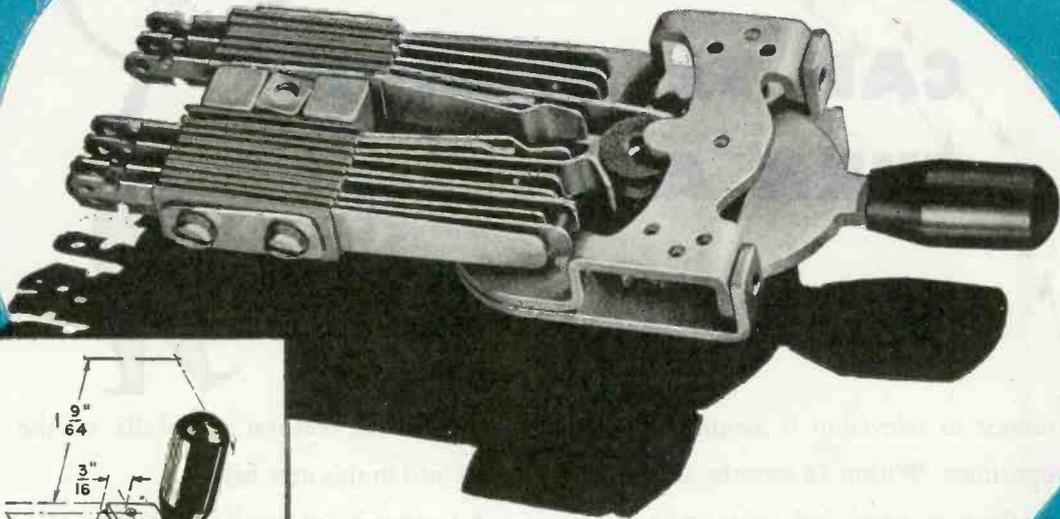


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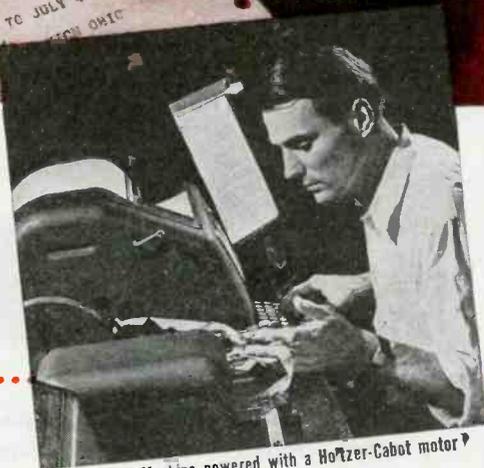
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## *An Obligation to Our Fighting Men*

**D**URING the last few weeks we have been forcibly reminded that so long as we still are fighting either of our major foes, first claim upon the productive resources of the United States—its manpower, materials, utilities, and industrial facilities—must be the production and delivery of munitions and war supplies. All other claims are secondary. No responsible citizen would have it otherwise. For in this war even more is at stake than our existence as a Nation. We dare not forget that we are engaged in a struggle that challenges the fundamental values upon which our civilization has been built.

It is not easy to list the values that we are fighting to uphold. They have been clothed in a variety of shapes over the centuries. They will assume new forms in the years ahead. But they have an inner consistency that free men the world over can feel and recognize: the right of the commoner against the noble, the right of the individual against the state, the right of trial by jury, the right to vote, the right to an education, the right to freedom of speech and worship, the right to work in a sphere of one's own choosing, the dignity and the equality of the individual under the law—these are our cultural heritage, painfully won and often precariously held over the ages, always to be rewon, redefined and buttressed by each succeeding generation of men.

The preservation of this vital core of value, and its transmission to our sons and daughters depends upon our victory in this struggle. So those things which are essential to victory must come first. And since the production of war munitions in overwhelming volume and quality can hasten that victory and save countless lives of our fighting men, no effort that will contribute to this end should be regarded by us as a sacrifice.

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The present is no time for self-congratulation upon our achievements either in the theatres of battle or of production. The mounting casualty lists should suffice to curdle the savor of any such indulgence. The most that can be said in reasonable taste and good conscience is that performance in both fields is such as to warrant our firm confidence that we can carry to successful completion the tasks that remain to be done.

Nor is there profit in even observing, much less deploring, that the tasks ahead are more formidable than those which were defined for us a few short months ago.

Then, all of us—military leaders, government officials, workers, and business men—were riding a crest of optimism as to an early end of the war in Europe and as to the character and dimension of the war against Japan. Already we had begun to turn anxiously toward the problems of reconversion which then seemed so near at hand. Schedules for war production, based upon the best available estimates of need, called for a 5 billion dollar reduction from 1944 performance, even though we might have to continue a two-theatre war, and for a 40 percent reduction in the event of an early victory in Europe.

Today, those forward estimates have been revised sharply upward. That is true both of the 1945 requirements to meet the needs of a two-theatre war, and of requirements for the Pacific war once the European phase is ended. For this upward revision four chief reasons are responsible:

1. European battle experience has shown markedly greater use of expendable munitions than was provided in the formulae upon which our original production schedules were calculated: the result has been a depletion of inventories on a scale that would become dangerous if allowed to continue.
2. Experience has also demonstrated the need for new types of weapons or increased complements of some existing types to match new enemy equipment or tactics.
3. A less easy optimism as to the early ending of the European war has given rise to a growing disinclination to gamble on the approximate date.
4. An increasing conviction prevails that the war against Japan may require ground-army operations on the Asiatic mainland on a scale greater than originally premised.

But if these changes in the fortunes and outlook of war have raised our estimates of military requirements, may not subsequent favorable changes in the military situation cause them again to be revised downward? It is entirely possible. But our military men have learned that they cannot safely discount what *might desirably happen* as something that *will happen*. Those working on the production front also must learn that lesson. Fortunately, the record shows that we have been able to maintain a war production almost equal to that of the rest of the world combined, even while we produced for civilian use on a scale that has been large even by our

own pre-war standards. So we have ample margin to whip whatever war job may be required of us. As now defined, the task will not be easy. But it *can* and *will* be done.

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What, then, is the production task with which we are charged? Our 1945 production for the two-theatre war now calls for the substantial maintenance of the overall levels reached in the latter months of 1944. But there is a shift of emphasis. Almost half of the programs for specific equipment items are declining. A few are scheduled to hold level. About 45 percent are scheduled to rise sharply. That means that workers and facilities must be shifted to man the expanding programs. At the same time the armed services are calling for many more men than can be supplied from those who become newly eligible to the 18 year old age group. That means further drafts upon war workers. It means also replacements for them when they are taken from the expanding programs. Finally, events demand that we produce as much as possible of many items during the first half of 1945.

Our task, then, is one of intensified effort for the immediate future, with multiple readjustments at a stage when adjustments are hard to make. Materials for which demand was easing as pipe-lines were being drained in anticipation of falling schedules again are tight as the pipe-lines are being refilled to meet augmented requirements. Men, women, and facilities must be shifted from less essential to more essential tasks. What must be done will be done. But unless there is much voluntary accommodation, it will be necessary for us to suffer a formidable amount of governmental direction which none of us likes, many of us deeply resent, and all of us, when personally affected, volubly protest. The more we police ourselves, the less we shall be policed.

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Even after Germany has been defeated, we shall still face a far from light production requirement to continue the war against Japan. As currently defined this phase might require war expenditures at something like \$70 billions a year, an over-all reduction of approximately 20 percent from the \$89 billions spent in 1944. Reduction in munitions output would be somewhat greater, probably from 25 percent to 30 percent below 1944 levels. But it is important for us to acknowledge that the reduction is going to be substantially less than the 40 percent previously estimated.

Only a few months ago there were those who questioned sharply the possibility that we might need 60 percent of current munitions output to win the Japanese war. Now the judgment of the military is that 70 percent will be none too high.

Actually the latter level would represent an increase of little more than 50 percent above what now is being produced for the Pacific area. This, certainly, is a modest estimate when we reflect that we shall inevitably more than triple the Army forces assigned to that theatre.

Such a program probably would give us a current munitions supply from three to four times that produced by Japan, but it is believed that we shall need that much to compensate for the advantages derived by Japan from the fact that she will be fighting a defensive war, from the volume of her accumulated stores, from her prepared positions, her shorter lines of supply and transport, and from her large troop reserves, the bulk of which we have yet to meet in battle. Certainly our present 3 to 1 production edge over Germany does not appear to be excessive.

The more modest V-E Day cuts contemplated by the present plan will mean a less acute reconversion problem when they are made, but will leave a greater one to be met at the end of the war. They will mean probably a net increase of not more than 4 million workers available for civilian work during the transition period. Their orderly absorption should present no embarrassing problem. Indeed, we now are warned by Washington that war production following V-E Day may require the protection of considerably closer control than was contemplated under the 40 percent cuts previously expected.

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In short, we face for the immediate future a more difficult production job. It is made the more formidable by the fact that we had dulled the keen edge of our will to produce by our premature expectation of a reduction in requirements. Now we are told that the trend of war production for the immediate future is up, that it is unsafe to discount the date of victory in Europe, and that the amount of leeway for reconversion after the defeat of Germany is less than had been anticipated.

Accordingly, we must rededicate ourselves to the task of driving war production up. We must do without some of the things that we have enjoyed on the civilian front rather than demand more of those things; we have still to devote our abilities and energies first and foremost to the demands of war.

Whatever will assure and hasten victory must have first place in any statement of American policy.

Without victory, our aims, and the underlying values upon which they are based, will be extinguished, blotted out by the opposing aims and values proclaimed by our enemies.

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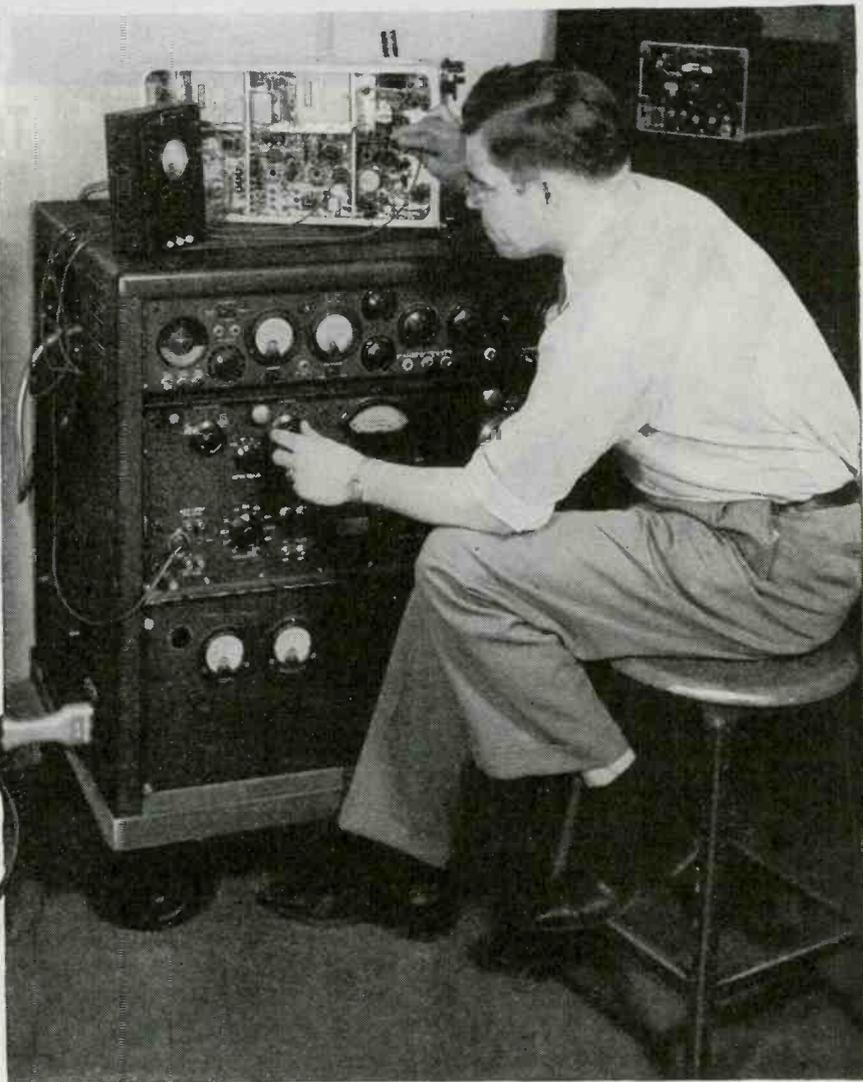
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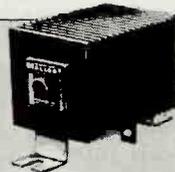
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## CROSS TALK

► **ECHOES** . . . Something new has been added to the repertoire of tricks used by electronic engineers. This is the echo technique. Shoot a radio wave into the air and it will be reflected by any conducting surface, sending back to the transmitter echoes of the original signal. A partially ionized layer of gas, an airplane or a ship at sea will do it. Since the directivity at the transmitter may be very great, the location of the reflector in elevation and azimuth can be determined.

Furthermore, since radio waves travel at a finite velocity (186,000 miles per second or about 327 yards per microsecond) the distance of the reflector can be determined.

Sound waves travel through sea water at a finite rate—about 5000 feet per second—and since a fairly narrow beam of sound waves can be produced in the supersonic region, nature and electronics have provided us with a pretty good submarine detector. It is also good for sunken ships, reefs or a school of fish, all of which will produce echoes. Sound waves travel through the earth with known characteristics as the seismologists and the geophysicists have discovered and utilized.

Now comes Professor Firestone of the University of Michigan. He holds a vibrating piezoelectric plate up against a block of metal. Sound waves in the supersonic region travel through the plate and return to the front surface as echoes produced by the rear surface, or by flaws within the block. So, electronics has provided industrial engineers with a new, sensitive, non-destructive test, a method of measuring the thickness of a metal plate whose rear surface may be inaccessible, or for exploring the interior for hidden flaws.

The wonder is that all of this wasn't done long ago!

► **SYMBOLS** . . . Some time ago, October issue to be explicit, *ELECTRONICS* offered a free lunch to the author of the first paper to arrive here for publication using the compromise symbols for electronic components adopted by the American Standards Association. Dr. Harrison's paper on Klystron oscillators won the

free lunch, and a very pleasant time was had by all.

The symbols problem is serious. For years there were two sets of symbols for certain widely-used components and great was the confusion compounded thereby. Now that there has been agreement, it behooves everyone—engineers, students, professors, authors, publishers—to stick together and to wipe out and forget the old confusion.

As a matter of cold hard fact, too much of our time and effort is spent fixing up the diagrams of authors who are still acting as if no standardization had ever been accomplished. This indecent use of time and energy must be better employed.

The correct symbols to use can be ascertained by looking at ASA Bulletin Z32.5-1944.

► **FREQUENCIES** . . . On January 16 the FCC announced new allocations for services operating above 25 Mc. Frequencies assigned various communications and industrial services are listed in the "News of the Industry" department pages of this issue. Next month *ELECTRONICS* will present a detailed analysis and interpretation of what the allocations mean to the future of the industry.

► **BJ** . . . In spite of the fact that many knew that B. J. Thompson, outstanding electronic engineer, had been missing after a Mediterranean flight, the final announcement of his death was a distinct shock. On a special mission for the Secretary of War, Mr. Thompson's plane disappeared on the night of July 4, last year.

"BJ", as Mr. Thompson was affectionately known by a very large number of radio and electronic engineers, was one of the most promising young men in our field. His contributions already made were of the first rank; the development of the acorn type tubes being best known. In addition, the high esteem in which he was held by his associates and the men who worked under him and his fellow engineers throughout the industry makes his loss very great.

# Planning an F-M Station

**A**FTER THE DECISION is made to enter the f-m field, the broadcast station engineer is confronted with the job of satisfying management as to the cost of serving the proposed market area. Can he use any of his present a-m facilities? What are the possible sites for the transmitter and antenna? Are suitable wire lines available or does he have to resort to a studio-to-transmitter (STL) link?

Basically, the problem settles down to taking inventory of the present transmitter site, determining whether a signal can be propagated from there over the territory specified, and deciding what will be necessary to feed a high-quality program service from the studio to the transmitter.

## Determination of Coverage Area

In the majority of cases an entirely new transmitter location will be chosen for the f-m installation because good locations for broadcast band antenna systems are not often satisfactory for f-m.

Many a-m stations are located in lowland or swamp areas to pro-

A practical discussion of the problems confronting a-m stations contemplating the new service. Notes on the selection of sites, estimation of coverage, determination of required transmitter power, choice of antennas, and building layouts

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vide a ground system with good conductivity. This particular consideration is not an important factor in the f-m band. More important is the elevation of the terrain with reference to the area to be served, and a site overlooking as much area as possible is needed.

Signal propagation over the broadcast band shows a wide variation between extreme frequencies for a given power and antenna system. This is in direct contrast to the f-m band, where substantially

the same results are had on any frequency within the band. Very-high-frequency signal propagation results in coverage more definitely related to specific areas than standard broadcasting. Recognizing this, the FCC is authorizing applicants to apply for specific trading areas and has set up the following four classifications of coverage:

*Class A.* An area comprising a limited trade area and a city, usually composed of one small city and adjacent area.

*Class B.* An area comprising a basic trade area and a principal city, usually composed of a principal city, one or more smaller cities and the areas adjacent to these cities.

*Class C.* An area of at least 15,000 square miles, comprising primarily a large rural area and that part of basic trade areas which cannot be served by stations assigned basic trade areas due to economic and technical limitations.

*Class D.* An area having substantially different characteristics (social, cultural and economic) from those specified in classifications A, B and C, where the establishment of a special program and technical service is in the public interest.

Five channels are at present set up for non-commercial educational stations. Since a request for other frequencies and additional channels has been made by the RTPB, the present allocations for the various

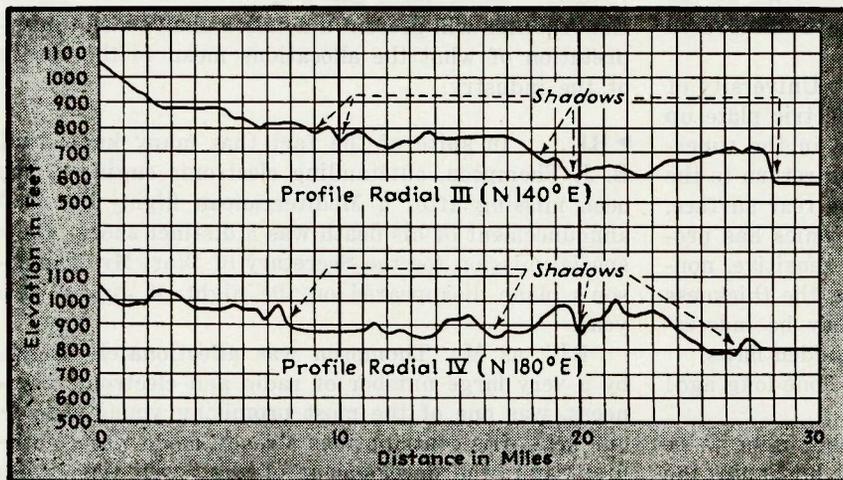
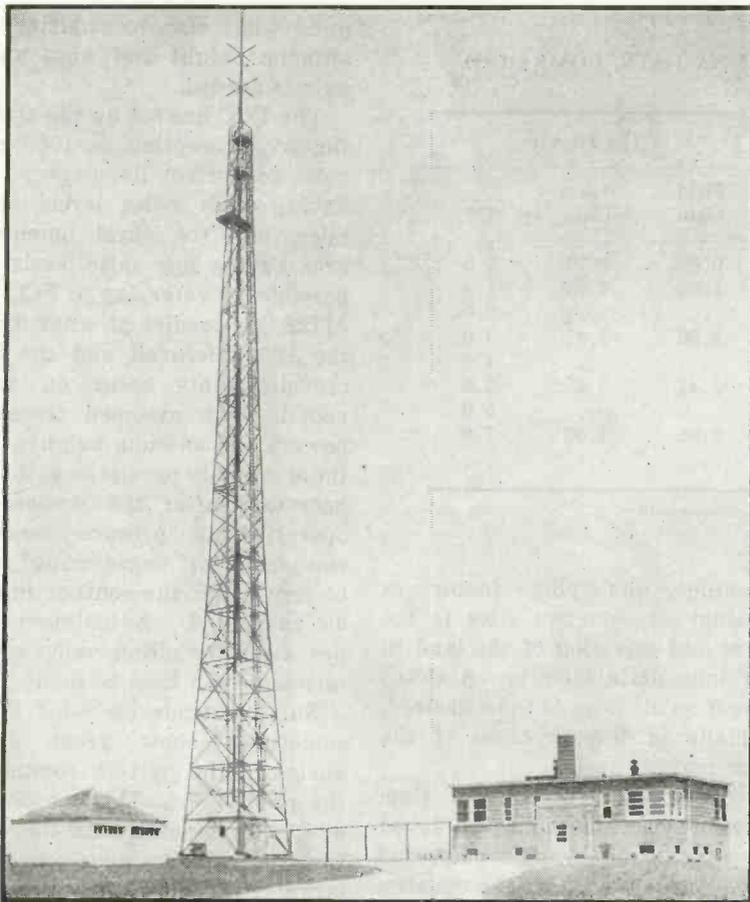


FIG. 1—Profile of the land elevation above sea-level along each of two radials centered on Richfield, Wis. Note that a number of points, even within the primary service area, are in shadow



WMFM transmitter building and antenna at Richfield, Wisc. The tower is 200 ft high, and on top of it is a two-bay turnstile. The platform at the 175-ft level supports a studio-to-station link receiving antenna. The elevated trough carrying two coaxial transmission lines between transmitter house and tower may be seen

the transmitter is located in a city.

There will be installation difficulties but these are not insurmountable. For example, it may be necessary to hoist material outside a building in a busy area or dismantle large units to fit the elevators. Steel beams may have to be cut in two, transported to the roof and welded together again. Such work is generally best carried out on a Sunday, roping off the street below to minimize danger to the populace. In negotiating for building space, the lease should clearly specify the extent of the roof rights for the antenna system.

To cover a large metropolitan area and large rural areas or large rural areas plus several metropolitan areas (class B or C) it is necessary in most cases to locate the transmitter at a point quite remote from the studio. Fortunate is the station that is located on high ground overlooking its principal city and trade areas. In choosing this site several factors must be considered, elevation being the prime requisite.

Obstructions such as hills, cliffs,

classifications may be modified in the near future.<sup>1</sup>

Complete data on trade areas can be obtained by referring to available maps.<sup>2</sup>

#### Transmitter Sites and Shadow Effect

Many cities have unusually tall buildings which are well suited for f-m installations. However, the location of such buildings in relation to the service area should be considered, especially if a circular pattern is contemplated. As an illustration, cities on the seaboards and on the Great Lakes in some instances are adjacent to large water areas.

If the initial outlay is for a class A station and plans are not for a large rural coverage, the transmitter should be placed at a point where the noise level is highest and population most dense. At the outskirts of the area, probably, the population will be sparse and noise

levels low. Lower signal intensities will therefore be tolerable. Adequate lines between the studio and transmitter generally are available for a 50 to 15,000-cps circuit when

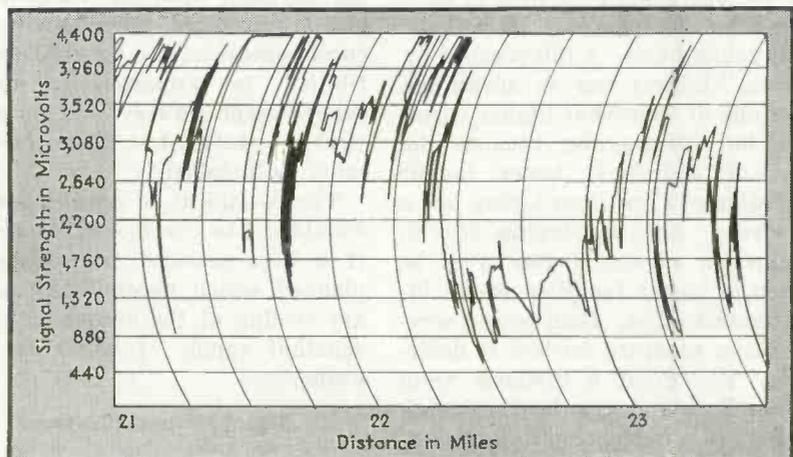


FIG. 2—Shadows such as those shown in Fig. 1 produce marked variations in signal strength, as shown on this graph obtained by continuous recording while driving through a hilly area

TABLE 1—MULTI-ELEMENT ANTENNA GAIN, COMPARED WITH DIPOLE

Layers	TURNSTILE			CIRCULAR		
	Field Gain	Power Gain	D*	Field Gain	Power Gain	D*
1	0.707	0.50	0.0	0.89	0.79	0.0
2	1.12	1.25	0.5	1.28	1.66	1.0
3	1.41	2.00	1.0	....	....	2.0
4	1.66	2.75	1.5	1.86	3.47	3.0
5	1.87	3.50	2.0	....	....	4.0
6	2.06	4.24	2.5	2.45	5.25	5.0
7	2.26	5.05	3.0	....	....	6.0
8	2.40	5.76	3.5	2.66	7.08	7.0
10	2.69	7.24	4.5	....	....	...

\* Distance in wavelengths between top and bottom elements.

or buildings, when present in the transmission path, introduce attenuation and these zones are known as shadow zones. The area encompassed in a shadow will receive only a fraction of the signal intensity available at other equidistant points, the actual signal strength depending on the degree of shielding. Examination of the elevation along sample radials shown in Fig. 1 will reveal cases where line-of-sight transmission is not obtained. It is not unusual to find shadows such as these in the primary area of existing f-m stations. Figure 2 shows a sample recording of signal strength made while driving through such a shadow.

If the station is planned for the northern states or mountainous country, a location on a main highway or at least a good secondary road maintained in the winter is advantageous, making it possible for the operating personnel to gain access to the property on an all-year-round basis. A hill reached by a good highway has an advantage over one of somewhat higher elevation but inaccessible, because the cost of additional tower height sometimes is less than laying out a new road. Also, by staying close to highways, advantage can often be taken of power facilities which interconnect cities. Dual power service from separate feeders is desirable. Too great a distance from power lines may require the installation of an independent emergency generating plant. Furthermore, complete dependence on local power facilities may not be advisable in all cases.

Another qualifying factor in choosing between two sites is the nature and elevation of the land in their immediate vicinity. A sharp drop-off on all sides is to be desired, especially in the direction of the major market area.

A considerable amount of time and effort can sometimes be saved by procuring quadrangle maps for the various sections of the country under scrutiny. Immediately it will become apparent which of several likely spots has greater elevation above sea level and sites can be evaluated accordingly. If there is any doubt, an altimeter should be obtained and checks made to verify.

Telephone service may be obtained in some locations not too far from inter-city trunk systems by branching off with underground circuits. In one instance a line was laid underground for four miles after easements from property owners had been obtained. Lines in cables are preferred to open-wire circuits because of the latter's susceptibility to atmospheric noises. Where telephone service is not practical a station-to-transmitter-link must be installed.

The possibility of a water system should not be overlooked, especially if a high-powered transmitter is planned which necessitates auxiliary cooling of the air plants and a constant supply of water for the evaporator.

#### Signal-Strength Contours

After the most suitable site has been chosen and all the factors related to the site are set down and evaluated, the next step is to deter-

mine what size transmitter, what antenna height and what antenna gain is needed.

The FCC has set up the standard for good reception as 1000 microvolts for urban listeners in areas having high noise levels and 50 microvolts for rural listeners in area having low noise levels. It is possible, by referring to FCC Chart 41722,<sup>3</sup> to predict at what distance the 1000-microvolt and the 50-microvolt points occur on various radials with assumed transmitter powers and antenna heights. Since these are only predictions, it will be necessary after the station is in operation to procure measuring equipment or engineering service to prove that the contour lines are as calculated. Adjustments compensating for either under or over-estimates can then be made.

Surveys made on v-h-f stations sometimes show great discrepancies in the pattern compared to the predictions. This, no doubt, is due to irregularities in the terrain involved. Mountainous country and large cities show great deviations compared to the surveys made in country more level and less densely populated. Figure 3 is an illustration of the predicted contours of WMFM, Milwaukee (formerly W55M).

After establishing the two contours, the area in square miles can

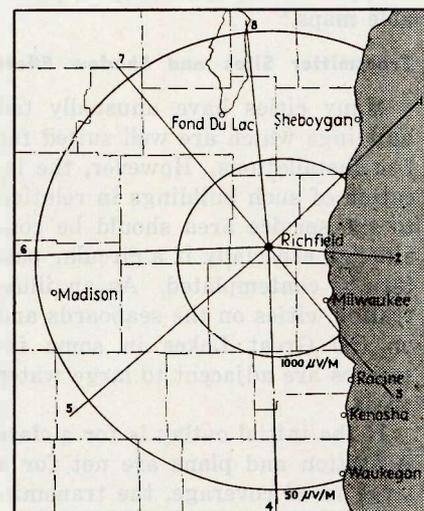


FIG. 3—Map showing predicted 1000 and 50-microvolt contours around WMFM. Radials on which signal-strength measurements were later taken are numbered

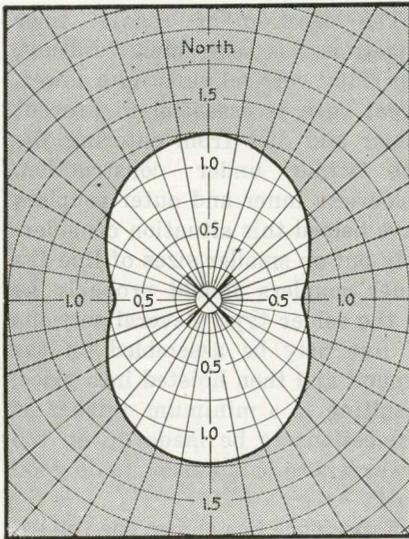


FIG. 4—(Left) Radiation pattern of a 60-deg phased turnstile called a "dumbbell", having equal currents in all elements, showing north-south directional gain over a 90-deg turnstile

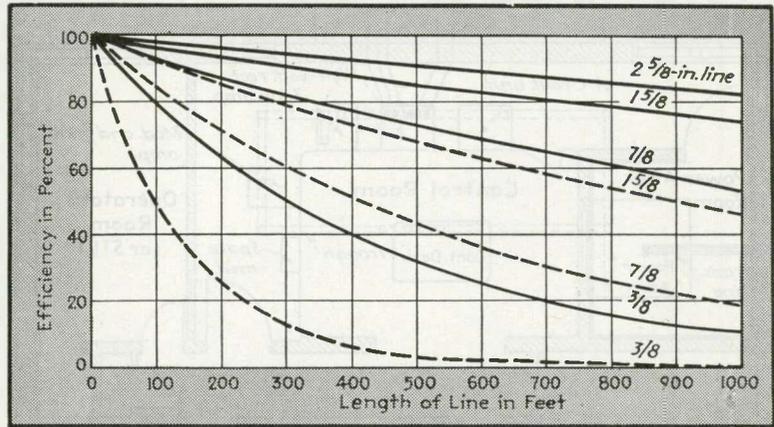


FIG. 5—Graph illustrating the percent efficiency of various sizes of coaxial transmission line using Isolantite insulation. Solid lines show efficiency at 50 Mc. Dashed lines show efficiency at 300 Mc (General Electric)

be measured by the use of a planimeter. Population analysis of the service area can then be carried out.

In the majority of cases it is probable that the f-m transmitting antenna will be independent of other antennas and on its own supporting structure. However, a question arises and will come up again and again in the future regarding the possibility of mounting an f-m antenna on the tower of an active a-m station. Where this is contemplated each tower will present its own structural problems and these will have to be analyzed by the manufacturer. The effect of loading the a-m tower with a heavy f-m array will, particularly, have to be carefully calculated. There is also the possibility that adding an f-m radiating structure might change the a-m antenna current distribution, and the phase angle in the case of a directional array.

#### Antennas

Horizontal polarization of the f-m antenna is recommended because of the high power-gain attainable while maintaining a structure rugged enough to combat the elements. Vertically-polarized antennas giving high power-gain are comparatively difficult to construct, whereas stacked horizontal units giving appreciable gain are readily obtained.

There are several ways of accomplishing antenna power-gain, namely, by stacked circular antennas commonly known as "donuts", by "turnstile" using suc-

cessive layers of arms radiating from the mast, or by square loops stacked one above the other and known as Alford loops. There are also several other suggested methods of securing horizontal directivity, such as corner reflectors and spiral antennas. Such antennas effectively increase the power by reducing the signal radiated vertically and concentrating it in the horizontal plane, i.e., along the earth's surface.

The effective signal radiated (ESR) is the all-important factor in evaluating an f-m system and, therefore, it should be determined whether a high-gain antenna system and a low-powered transmitter or a low-gain antenna and a high-powered transmitter are to be used. For example, for one typical transmitter site a calculated 4000 watts of effective signal is needed to as-

sure a 1000-microvolt contour at 20 miles. This can be accomplished with 4000 watts of generated power using an antenna with a power gain of 1, or by using a more complex antenna system giving a gain of 4 and reducing the generated power to 1000 watts. The results in either case are theoretically identical. By referring to the following table of more or less standardized transmitter sizes it will be noted that 4000 watts falls between 3 and 10,000 watts, making it necessary to install a 10-kw transmitter.

- 250 watts
- 1,000 watts
- 3,000 watts
- 10,000 watts
- 25,000 watts
- 50,000 watts
- 100,000 watts

It is obvious that the most economical approach in this case would be to use a 1-kw transmitter with an antenna having a gain of 4 since the cost of the antenna would not approach the cost of a 10-kw transmitter. In addition, the maintenance and upkeep would be very much in favor of the smaller transmitter and the more complex antenna system.

Table I gives a comparison between two popular high-gain antenna types and a dipole having a gain of one. Comparative values of antenna gain for equal mast height are in favor of the turnstile, as the

TABLE 2—TURNSTILES VS DIPOLE

90-DEGREE		60-DEGREE	
Layers	Field Gain	North-South	East-West
2	1.12	1.36	0.79
4	1.66	2.02	1.19
6	2.06	2.51	1.44
8	2.40	2.93	1.68

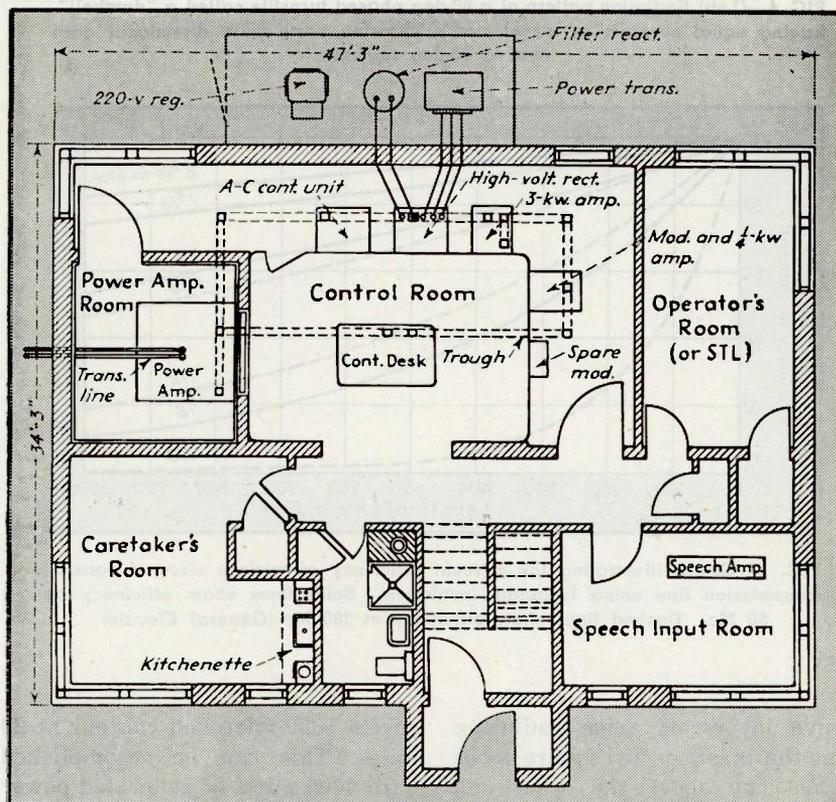


FIG. 6—First-floor plan of the WMFM transmitter building at Richfield, Wis.

distance between layers of the turnstile antenna is  $\frac{1}{2}$  wavelength and of the circular antenna one wavelength. This corresponds to approximately 10 and 20 feet respectively, depending on the exact frequency used. In the event of CAA restrictions on height of the tower structure this represents an important factor.

Some modification of pattern can be obtained with a turnstile by either phasing or varying the current relationship of the elements in quadrature to obtain an elliptical pattern if it is desired to cover an elongated market area. Using a 60-deg phased turnstile, with equal currents, an increase of about 22 percent in one direction can be obtained with a loss of approximately 30 percent in the other direction. Figure 4 shows the pattern of a 60-deg turnstile that has been dubbed the "dumbbell." Table II shows the relative increase in field gain over a 90-deg turnstile for various numbers of layers. Note that the desired north-south field gain of a four-layer turnstile 60-deg phased is 2.02 compared to a standard 90-deg turnstile of six layers giving a gain of 2.06. Thus the 60-deg turnstile will provide a solution to some

of the cases where an irregular trade area cannot be served adequately with a circular pattern.

#### Transmission Lines

Considerable trouble has been experienced in the past with transmission lines. Open-wire and coaxial lines are in use and both require careful matching to obtain a reasonably low standing-wave ratio. Ratios of 1 to 1.25 have proven satisfactory for coaxial lines. A somewhat higher value can be tolerated on open lines.

Sleet and ice formation has been the most troublesome condition, resulting in flashover and occasional burn-out of the feeder system, a situation not too easy to repair under adverse conditions. De-icers have been built into some antenna installations and are especially valuable in zones subject to sleet formation. They are controlled from the power panel inside the building or can be made to operate automatically within the temperature range of sleet formation, and in no way affect the operation of the antenna. Without such protection it would be necessary to reduce the input power for transmission line protection.

The erection of coaxial lines sometimes is extremely difficult, especially vertical runs up a tower. Great care is essential to prevent solder and dirt from entering the line while under construction. Solderless inner and outer couplers have helped this situation considerably but on smaller sizes of line the inner couplers should probably be of the solder type. Several sections of line may be assembled on the ground and then hoisted into place, resulting in a minimum number of connections to be made up on the tower where it is harder to do good work.

Experience has shown the following transmission line sizes to be adequate for transmitter power outputs as listed below, assuming that the line is correctly terminated to eliminate standing waves:

250 watts or less	70 ohms	3/8 in. OD
250 watts to 1 kw	70 ohms	7/8 in. OD
1 kw to 3 kw	70 ohms	1-3/8 in. OD
3 kw to 10 kw	70 ohms	1-5/8 in. OD
10 kw to 25 kw	70 ohms	3-1/8 in. OD
25 kw to 50 kw	35 ohms	2-3-1/8 in. OD

Lines somewhat larger than are strictly necessary are suggested, giving additional safety factor. Larger lines also result in lower losses and may be advisable if the length of line is unusually long. For the STL transmission line sizes should be especially generous because at the higher frequencies involved losses increase appreciably and power is more difficult to generate. Figure 5 shows relative line loss at 50 Mc and 300 Mc for various sizes and lengths of typical coaxial line.

#### Transmitter Building

An f-m installation does not require as large a space as its a-m counterpart. A typical 1-kw f-m transmitter is a completely self-contained unit including blower and power supplies, occupying a space approximately 72 by 30 by 72 in. over all. A floor space as small as 350 square feet would be sufficient to accommodate the transmitter, and a room adjacent to the transmitter suitable for audio console, turntables, line amplifier, frequency and modulation monitor, and monitoring receiver. A typical 50-kw transmitter occupies space comparable to the average 5 and 10-

kw a-m stations now in service.

A typical 50-kw installation is the Milwaukee Journal f-m station WMFM, which houses its transmitter in a two-story building 47 by 34 ft in size. On the first floor shown in Fig. 6, is the transmitter, speech and test room, STL receiving room, caretaker's quarters and toilet. The basement, shown in Fig. 7, is devoted to the cooling and pump room, heating plant, work shop, tube storage and building utility. Rectangular steel ducts 4 by 6 in. are placed along the ceiling of the basement to house the inter-connect wiring between the various transmitter units directly above. All motor-generators, blowers, water pumps, etc. are mounted on rubber rails to minimize the noise transmitted through the building foundations.

The 50-kw transmitter comprises five units. The modulator is incorporated in the 250-watt unit, and followed by a 3-kw amplifier in a cabinet directly alongside, with its associated rectifiers and blowers. Following this is the high-voltage rectifier and power-control units mounted in racks somewhat larger. The plate transformer for the 100-kw rectifier, with its voltage regulator and reactor, is mounted directly outside the building on a raised concrete block platform for protection against snow. The 50-kw power amplifier is installed in a separate room which is completely shielded by 0.006-in. thick copper, including the floor and door.

A balanced concentric line consisting of two 3½-in. lines is inductively coupled to the power amplifier. These lines are mounted on an elevated trough spanning the distance between the tower and transmitter building. To minimize sudden differential changes between the inner and outer conductors, the trough is covered with a sectionalized, removable shield. Mounted directly at the transmission-line end-seals are two diodes which act as a vacuum-tube voltmeter reading the relative voltage for daily comparison and reference purposes. For the present, indirect measurement of power output is used and calculated at 60 percent of the plate input of the final stage.

The ground system deviates greatly from a-m band practice

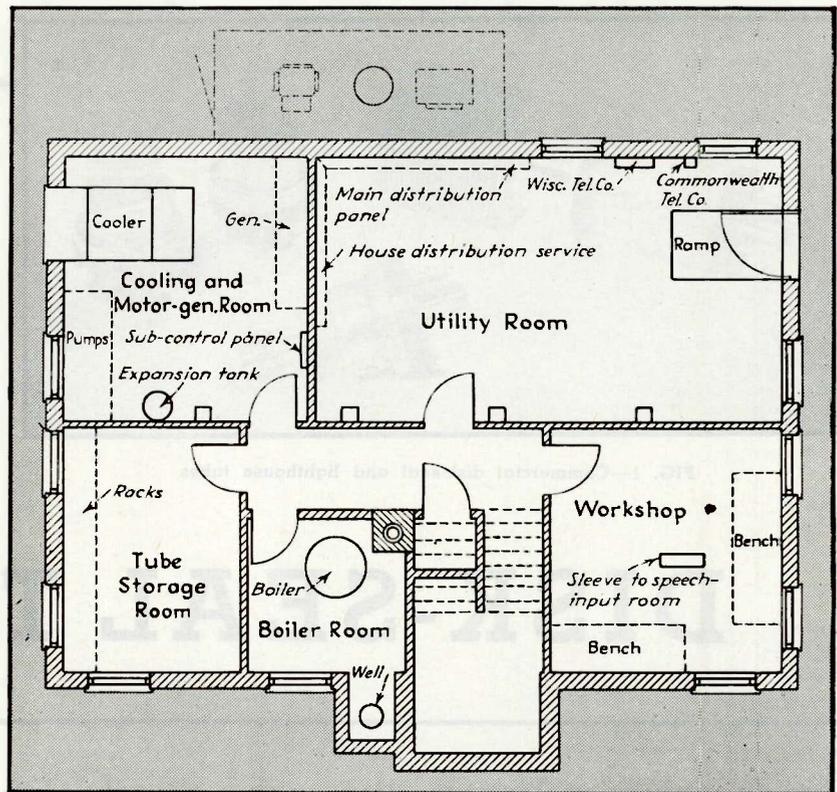


FIG. 7—Basement floor plan of the WMFM transmitter building

insofar as radial wires were not buried as a part of the radiating system and only sufficient copper was laid for equipment grounds and protection against lightning. The ground system consists of sheets of expanded copper screening each 6 by 10 ft in size, laid around the entire building and covered with eight inches of soil. The tower ground is made up of similar pieces forming a mat 30 by 30 ft overall and tied to the building ground by several two-inch copper straps.

During the period of construction, the entire building metalwork, such as conduit, water pipes, reinforcing steel, metal lathe, was bonded together and spot-welded. Every 10 feet, four-inch copper straps were brought out of the masonry slightly below ground level and joined to the screening.

#### Power

The WMFM a-c power requirement for the transmitter itself is about 102 kva with the transmitter operating at its licensed power input of 60.5 kw. When the amplifier is running at full 50-kw r-f output, the a-c power demand rises to 135 kva. Power requirements given here do not include equipment such

as the electric stove, building heating, water pump, tower and building lighting.

The local utility supplies service from either of two 26,400-volt lines, each line coming from a different direction on separate feeders. Three 50-kva transformers feed 240-volt, 3-phase power into the building through an underground duct.

Transmitters of various sizes will use approximately the following a-c power:

250 watts	1.2 kw
1,000 wts	3.5 kw
3,000 watts	7.5 kw
10,000 watts	24.0 kw
50,000 watts	135.0 kw

The power used by associated equipment such as speech input, monitoring, and lighting, should be added to the above estimated power requirements.

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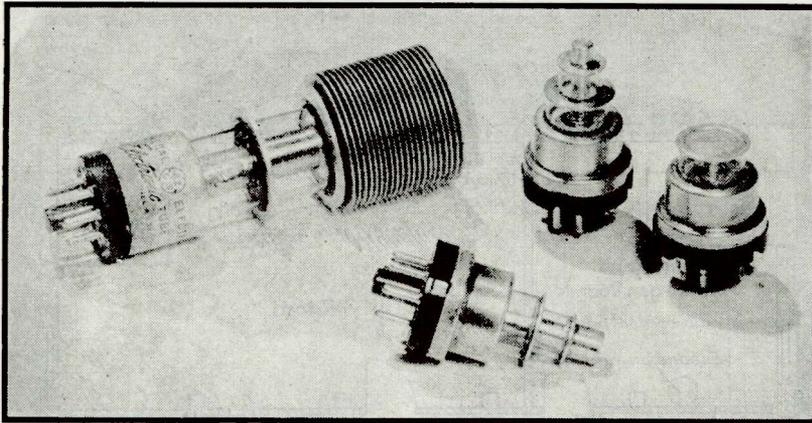


FIG. 1—Commercial disk-seal and lighthouse tubes

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# DISK-SEAL TUBES

Altering conventional construction so that the tube elements become part of the electromagnetic circuit improves high-frequency operation. Disk-seal tube design places the electron stream in the high-impedance region of a cavity resonator

**T**HE DEMAND for higher frequency and more power for new services and industries has grown as rapidly as research and development could push back the frontier. One of these outgrowths of research is the disk-seal tube. This new type tube, which includes that group known as lighthouse tubes, is a development that has greatly extended the usable frequency spectrum and introduced a new concept of the relation between the electron tube and its associated circuit.

## The Basic Idea

Electronically, the disk-seal tube, or more simply the disk tube, is a multi-electrode tube using the same space-charge control principle as conventional triodes, tetrodes and pentodes.

Geometrically, it is a tube built from simple, smooth-surfaced disks and cylinders into a structure which usually, but not necessarily, has circular symmetry. As we shall see, the ultrahigh-frequency property of any such metal shape is a design factor whose significance is just becoming evident.

Philosophically, the disk tube is an embodiment of the principle that in the microwave field we can no longer speak of tubes and circuits as two distinct entities. It is necessary to think of a microwave oscillator, for example, not as an electron tube with an attached circuit but rather as a single electrical system having one section walled off

and evacuated to house the electronic activity.

A group of commercial disk tubes is shown in Fig. 1. Figure 2 is a cross-sectional view showing the basic mechanical features common to disk tubes. Figure 3 shows the constructional details of the 2C40 lighthouse tube.

## Frequency Limitations of Conventional Tubes

In trying to reach the highest possible oscillation frequency with a given tube one usually starts at a low frequency, using some standard oscillator circuit such as the one in Fig. 4(a). The frequency is raised by decreasing  $L$  and  $C$  until the circuit looks like that in Fig. 4(b). A point is finally reached where the circuit has been made as small as possible and the tube is being operated at the maximum allowable plate power dissipation and voltage. The tube has reached its apparent maximum frequency.

Let us study the circuit arrangement in Fig. 4(c), which is the same as that in Fig. 4(b) but with the interelectrode capacitances and the lead inductances shown. If the

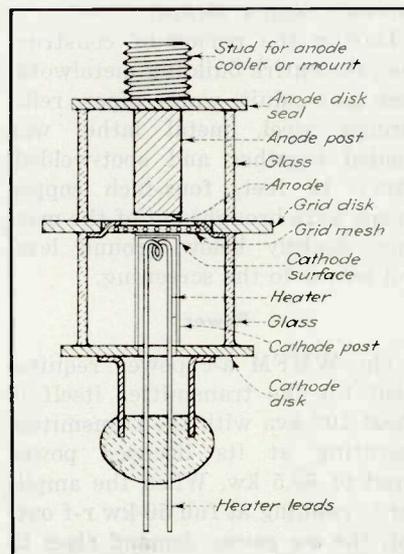


FIG. 2—Basic construction of disk-seal tube

cathode is sufficiently isolated by the chokes, the radio-frequency potential of the cathode will be fixed with respect to the anode and grid by the two interelectrode capacitors  $C_{pk}$  and  $C_{pg}$ . Thus, the excitation or feedback voltage appears across  $C_{pk}$  and is not adjustable. When we include these two capacitors, it becomes clear that Fig. 4(b) is the familiar Colpitts oscillator circuit which we might expect to operate in the usual way if it were not for a number of new factors which creep in as we try to drive the frequency higher.

One reason why the frequency cannot be made higher lies in the indicated lead inductances and distributed capacitance of the electrode structures. In many cases, the main oscillating circuit is a two-wire transmission line connected to the grid and anode; a line which, in addition to its desirable features, has several serious drawbacks. One is that, although a quarter-wave line in itself is physically large even at very short wavelengths, the line is shortened by the interelectrode and stray capacitance of the tube elements until at some high frequency the part external to the tube vanishes.

Another factor is the increased energy losses due to the electromagnetic radiation from every part of the circuit. This becomes more severe as the tube electrodes and circuit elements become more comparable in size to the wavelength. Usually this tube radiation becomes so large that little or no useful output can be obtained, or it may even prevent oscillations from starting. This radiation is always a major limitation on the impedance which can be developed with an unshielded system.

#### Electron-Stream Transit Time

Still other difficulties arise from the electron transit time. When the electron transit time becomes comparable with the oscillation period, some properties of the electron stream which were negligible at low frequency become important. This does not mean that an insu-

perable barrier has been raised. It does mean that the system must be looked at in a far broader sense.

Because of transit time of the electron stream, there will be a dissipative load introduced at the excitation or input terminals of the circuit. There will also be a phase angle between the excitation voltage and the fundamental component of anode current such that the tube input and output voltages will almost never have the 180-degree phase relation common at low frequency. Phase angle as such need not be harmful provided we recognize and meet the added circuit requirements which it imposes. On the other hand, characteristics such as transconductance are adversely affected in comparison with d-c values so that there is an even greater need for efficient circuits than at low frequency.

The feedback circuit in the oscillator must be capable of providing the necessary excitation voltage in spite of the extra driving power, as well as almost any phase angle between its input and output voltages. But, with the arrangement shown in Fig. 4(c) the feedback voltage is almost entirely fixed both in amplitude and phase by the self and mutual reactances of the tube parts. None of these circuit elements can be adjusted and so above the frequency at which the phase relation between input and output becomes appreciably different than 180 degrees, the feedback conditions for sustaining oscillation cannot be met.

#### Use of Cavity Resonators

The frequency-determining circuit connected between grid and anode of Fig. 4(b) can be reduced

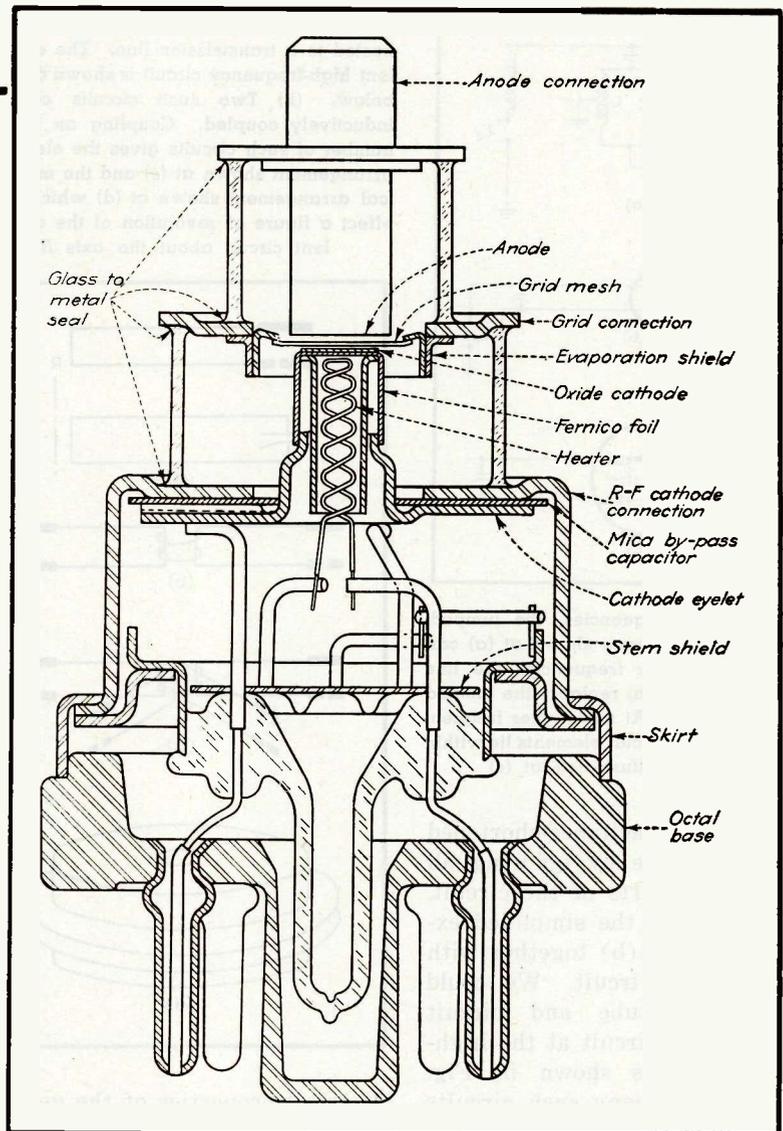


FIG. 3—Mechanical details of the 2C40 lighthouse tube

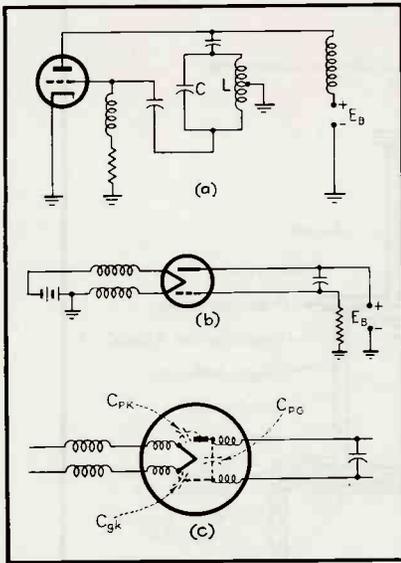


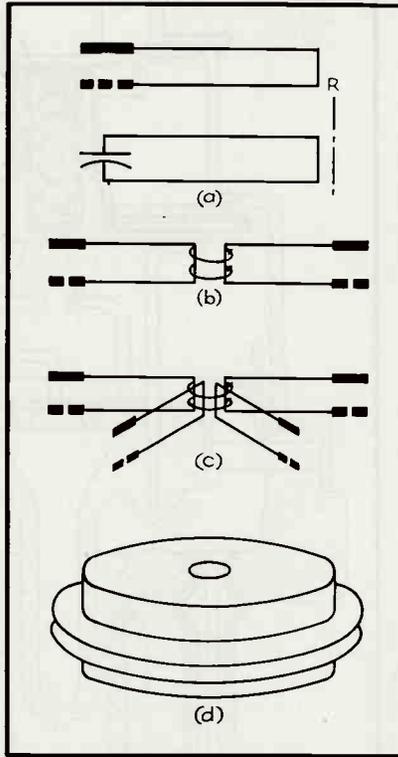
FIG. 4—At low frequencies, the lumped-constant oscillator circuit shown at (a) can be used. At higher frequencies the line oscillator shown at (b) replaces the lumped constant oscillator. At still higher frequencies the important circuit elements lie within the tube as illustrated at (c)

to a simple capacitance-shortened quarter-wave line by ignoring all direct-current parts of the circuit. Fig. 5(a) shows the simplified extract from Fig. 4(b) together with the equivalent circuit. We could have another tube and circuit coupled to this circuit at the high-current point as shown in Fig. 5(b). In fact, many such circuits could be added as at Fig. 5(c), the ultimate being equivalent to the rotation of the circuit at Fig. 5(a) about an axis  $R$  to give the structure shown in Fig. 5(d). The shortened quarter-wave line in Fig. 5(a) has, by rotation, generated a closed metal structure made of two parallel flat metal disks joined by a cylindrical hub at the center and terminated at the periphery by an annular ring capacitor.

Continuing the same line of thought gives rise to other structures such as that in Fig. 6. Such totally enclosed circuits or cavity resonators are ideally suited to ultrahigh-frequency needs. The one shown in Fig. 6, for example, would be expected to have much the same current and voltage distribution as do the quarter-wave line sections from which it was developed and which make up its radii.

This is a sound physical picture but inaccurate numerically. A more exact analysis must be based on the

FIG. 5—At (a) the grid and plate are connected to a transmission line. The equivalent high-frequency circuit is shown directly below. (b) Two such circuits can be inductively coupled. Coupling an infinite number of such circuits gives the electrical arrangement shown at (c) and the mechanical arrangement shown at (d) which is in effect a figure of revolution of the equivalent circuit about the axis  $R$



electrical properties of the geometrical shape. A simple radial resonator and a quarter-wave open line are shown in Fig. 7, together with the current and voltage distribution for each. In the uniform open line, the resonant line length is  $0.25 \lambda$ , whereas in the resonator the radius is  $0.38 \lambda$ .

The most important distinction between line and cavity is that the hollow resonator of Fig. 7 is self shielding. The electric and magnetic fields exist wholly within the resonator. If the metal walls of the resonator are made a few times thicker than the skin thickness or depth of field penetration, there will be no appreciable coupling between the space inside and that outside the resonator and, therefore, there will be no energy lost by radiation.

#### Union of Tube and Tank

If cavities are to be used to their fullest advantage, the electronic part and the electromagnetic part

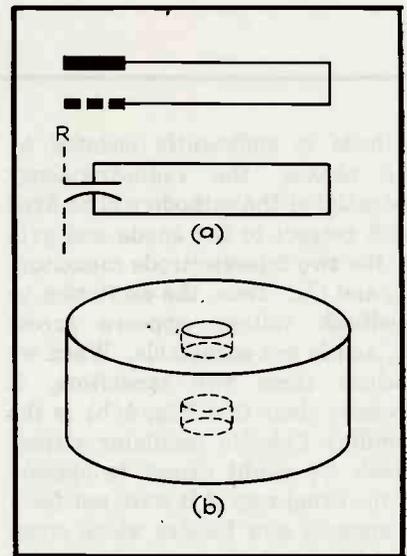


FIG. 6—Choosing a different axis of revolution from that of Fig. 5 for the equivalent circuit at (a) gives the mechanical arrangement at (b) which readily lends itself to use as the electromagnetic basis of the disk-seal tube; the electrodes for the electronic system go at the center

of the circuit must be considered as a unit. The disk tube brings about this union in a way illustrated by Fig. 8. Fig. 8(a) shows a vertical cross section of a simple radial resonator similar to that developed in Fig. 6. The point of maximum impedance occurs internally between the two surfaces,  $S$ . It is here that the grid and anode connections would be made if the cavity were to be used in place of the open wire line of Fig. 4(b).

The genesis of the disk tube is obvious from here on, for, if the surfaces  $S$  are proper for grid and anode connections, it would be even better if they became the actual grid and anode electrodes. Fig. 8(b) shows the development of such electrodes and Fig. 8(c) shows a section of a resonator containing the electrodes walled off and evacuated to form the upper part of the disk tube illustrated in Fig. 2. The electronic circuit element has been coupled directly to the electromagnetic circuit element with very little geometric disturbance to either component. There is no anode- or grid-lead inductance in the ordinary sense. Neither is there unwanted capacitance except that due to the active part of the electrodes. All of these metal surfaces help to shape and contain the electromagnetic field. By maintaining sub-

stantial continuity of the metal surfaces, the tube elements become an integrated part of the circuit.

### Controllable Feedback

The use of a cavity resonator goes a long way toward solving the problems posed by the output circuit of our sample oscillator but some other problems—feedback for example—have not yet been touched.

It was pointed out that one reason why the circuit of Fig. 4(c) fails is that it allows no adjustment of either the amplitude or phase of the feedback voltage. The essentials of this circuit are redrawn in Fig. 9(a) using lumped circuits and showing the interelectrode capacitances which fix the feedback voltage.

A considerable amount of control can be gained by including  $C_{pk}$  in a tuned circuit as shown in Fig. 9(b). This tuned input circuit

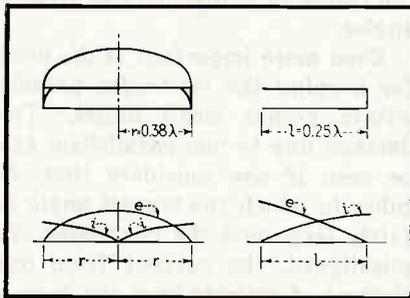


FIG. 7—Resonant dimensions of a cylindrical cavity and a transmission line, and the current and potential distribution of each

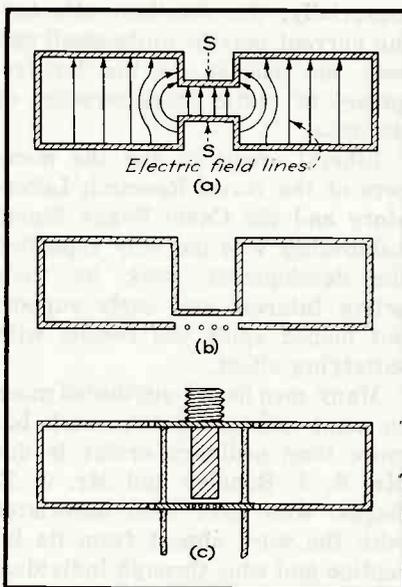


FIG. 8—The evolution of the disk-seal tube from a cavity resonator

should be a cavity resonator for the same reasons which prescribe a resonator for the output circuit. Frequently  $C_{pk}$  is not large enough to provide adequate feedback and, in that case, it is supplemented by an added adjustable link.

Figure 10, which shows two resonators having a common central wall, illustrates the general mechanical combination of a disk tube and a double resonator which has come to be known as the grid-return, grounded-grid or, more properly, the grid-separation circuit.

An important attribute of the disk tube is the physical separation of the input and output circuits which it permits. This is important because physical separation means electrical separation since, even though the central cavity-dividing wall and the grid disk are common to both resonators, the small depth of field penetration into this wall effectively keeps the electromagnetic fields within their own cavities. In other words,  $C_{pk}$  is the only coupling reactance left; the dozens of small coupling capacitances and mutual inductances between electrode parts and leads in conventional tube designs are eliminated.

If it is desirable—and it is in some cases— $C_{pk}$  may be made in-sequential by adding a screen grid.

Through these features, the disk tube permits the use of distinct input and output circuits; the feedback circuit between the two is reduced to a known impedance and the various circuit parameters brought under individual control. These circuits have been the subject of much intensive study, both theoretical and physical, and several basic forms have been evolved.

### Electromagnetic Shielding Provides Heat Radiation

Figure 11 shows a cavity oscillator circuit. The mechanical layout of this circuit illustrates another very important property of the disk tubes. At very high frequencies, the electric field within the resonator and between electrodes penetrates the metal surfaces a distance in the order of only about one thousandth of an inch and therefore the current conduction is entirely confined to those surfaces which are exposed

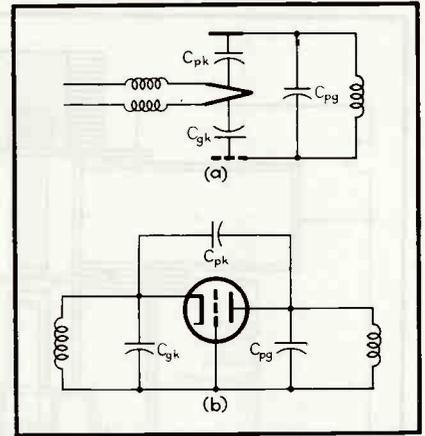


FIG. 9—The circuits used with the disk-seal tube take advantage of the interelectrode capacitances shown in drawing (a) by placing them in the resonant circuits as at (b)

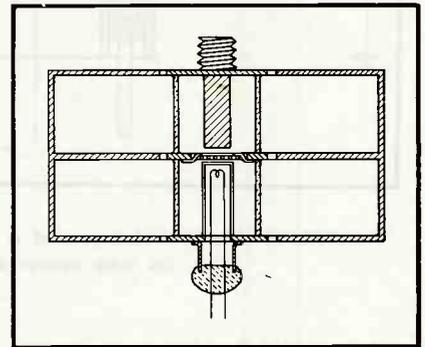


FIG. 10—The disk-seal tube and resonator equivalent of the lumped-constant circuit shown at Fig. 9 (b)

to the electric field. Thus, there will be high frequency electric currents flowing on the inner surfaces of the resonators and none on their outer surfaces. One might say that the inner and outer surfaces are insulated. Heat, on the other hand, does penetrate the resonator walls and is conducted throughout the metallic circuit. These differing laws of behavior are the source of a most advantageous function which occurs automatically in the disk tubes.

In the disk tube, high-frequency energy flows from its point of origin on the anode surface into the resonator. On the other hand, heat generated at the anode flows through the solid anode rod to the outside of the resonator. This automatic filtering permits anode cooling to be carried out by any appropriate method outside the cavity without interfering in any way with the high-frequency part of the system inside the cavity. The

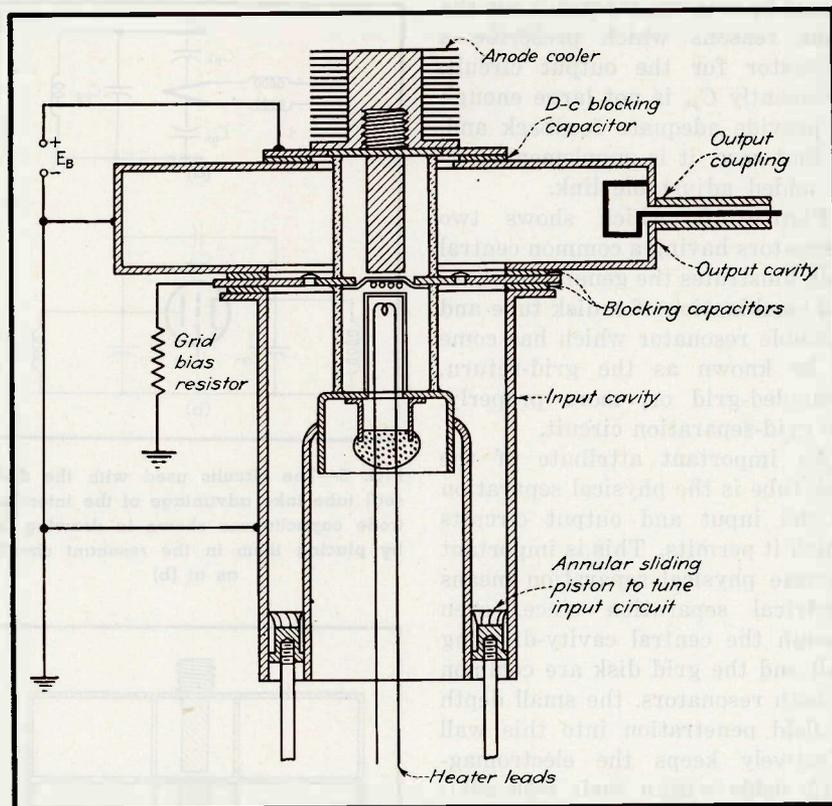


FIG. 11—Mechanical layout of a disk-seal tube circuit shows unity of the tube proper with the wave circuit

grid is cooled in the same manner so that troubles arising from primary grid emission are greatly reduced.

Since the same reasoning applies in reverse, it is possible to locate the cathode heater together with all its power supply wiring wholly outside the cavities and free of ultrahigh-frequency field.

The same filtering occurs with direct current or low-frequency alternating current and therefore power connections can be made to the cavity system without the use of elaborate isolating chokes.

#### Design Requirements

Mechanically the disk seals in many of these tubes are made of a metal suitable for sealing to glass. High electrical conductivity is preserved by a thin coating of copper or silver which, since it need be only a few thousandths of an inch thick, will not cause dangerous stresses in the vacuum seals. Again we take advantage of the small field penetration to fabricate a composite structure having good electrical conductivity as well as suitable mechanical properties.

The parallel-plane electrodes offer an opportunity as well as pose a problem. To make efficient microwave tubes it is important to use the electron stream efficiently. The degree to which desirable electronic properties are achieved may be judged by one or more of several criteria depending on the type of service considered. For instance, we are always interested in low interelectrode capacitance and yet for a power amplifier we must not sacrifice current-carrying ability. For this application we might use the ratio  $C/i_p$  as a figure of merit. For low level amplifiers, where power gain and electron noise are important, we want the highest transconductance possible for a given current. Here we are interested in a large ratio of  $G_m/i_p$ . For some jobs, interest will center on power gain and bandwidth. In almost every case, it is desirable that the transit angle be kept small.

#### Manufacturing Tolerances

When we examine the various criteria, we find generally that they are all improved by decreasing the interelectrode spacing, particularly

the grid-cathode spacing. The end-on presentation of plane electrodes is an arrangement uniquely suited to this need. The electrodes require accurate positioning in only one major dimension rather than two as would be the case for cylindrical electrodes. Tube construction and assembly methods enable a tube like the 2C40 to be built with a cathode-grid spacing of 4.0 mils. Developmental tubes have been built with only 1.0 mil cathode-to-grid clearance.

If space-charge control of the usual type is to be retained, the grid-wire size and pitch must be reduced in proportion otherwise it will become so coarse relative to the reduced interelectrode spacing that the electric field will become non-uniform between the grid and cathode. Under this condition, the low-frequency characteristics are poor and the high-frequency characteristics suffer even more severely from the resulting multiplicity of transit angles.

Even more important is the need for keeping the electrodes parallel within rather small limits. The damage due to non-parallelism can be seen if one considers that, in tubes in which the transit angle is fairly large and the electrodes are misaligned, the current from one element of cathode area can have a quite different phase angle from that of neighboring areas. Since the high-frequency components of current from these elements add vectorially, the resultant alternating current may be quite small and bear no relation to the low-frequency or static characteristics of the tube.

Liberal credit is due the members of the Naval Research Laboratory and the Camp Evans Signal Laboratory who not only expedited the development work by their active interest and early support but helped apply the results with satisfying effect.

Many men have contributed much to many phases of this work but more than ordinary credit is due Mr. R. J. Bondley and Mr. J. E. Beggs, who have been associated with the work almost from its inception and who, through individual effort and contribution, have solved many of the basic design problems in these tubes.

# Measuring the Elasticity of SYNTHETIC YARNS

Young's modulus is determined with a minimum of error due to plastic deformation. Fiber under test is excited at 10 kc per second, producing high-loading under short-period conditions. Method also lends itself to testing of plastic films and other materials

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**A**S THE SYNTHETIC textile industry has grown from its early days when rayon was considered merely artificial silk, to the status of a widespread, self-sufficient industry, it has become more and more important to understand and to measure inherent physical properties of new man-made yarns. This is particularly true of yarns intended for such things as tire-cords, where physical properties are involved which never before were of much importance.

At the present time, empirical testing is usually resorted to in the

end, for lack of ability of the usual stress-strain curve to impart information which closely correlates with observed practical performance. However, since it was felt that the elastic properties of a string under tension are fundamental characteristics of the system, it was decided to develop a technique for measuring the elastic modulus in an unambiguous manner. The modulus likely to be of primary interest is Young's modulus, defined as

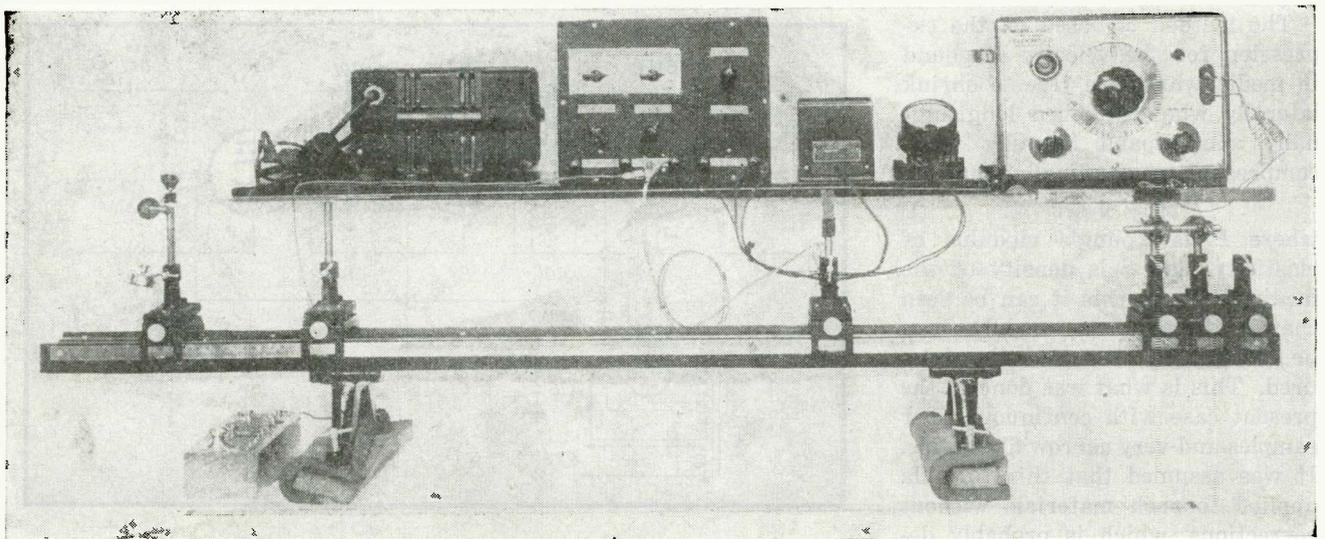
$$E = \frac{\text{force per unit cross section}}{\text{elongation per unit length}}$$

In dealing with systems that exhibit both plasticity and elasticity,

such as fibers and films, the usual methods of measuring Young's modulus are apt to give results highly influenced by the presence of the plastic component since, in general, a low rate of loading is employed. When a load is applied slowly to such a medium, plastic deformation is observed, i.e., complete recovery is not present after the release of the stress.

Young's modulus may be determined from the slope of the ordinary strain curve. But in a good many cases the resultant stretching produces a change of structure, e.g., by increasing the orientation; and it is for these reasons that the usual mechanical methods are not

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Photograph of the test setup used by the authors. The various component parts of the system are identified in the schematic of Fig. 1, appearing on the next page

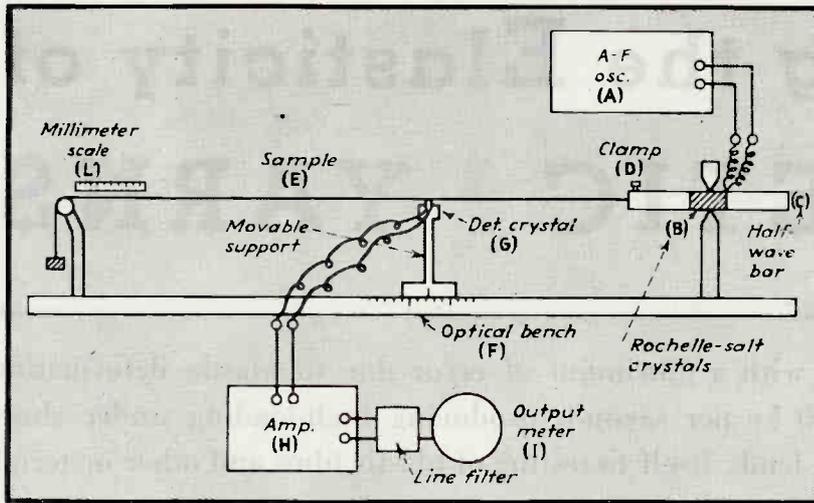


FIG. 1—Schematic of the setup used to measure the elasticity of synthetic yarns and plastic films by a method described in the text. A photograph of the equipment appears on the preceding page

$V$  is velocity of sound,  $n$  is frequency of vibration, and  $\lambda$  is wavelength, we get, by substituting in Eq. (1).

$$E = n^2 \lambda^2 d = 4 n^2 d (\lambda/2)^2 \quad (2)$$

#### Equipment

In the equipment illustrated in the photo and shown schematically in Fig. 1 the source of the longitudinal vibrations is a halfwave bar of steel (C) cut to resonate at 10 kc. Two Brush rochelle-salt crystals (B) cut to respond at the same frequency are cemented to opposite sides of the bar. The whole system is excited to resonance by a Televiso VG-1 audio oscillator (A). The particular bar and crystal combination used gave a not-too-broad resonance at 9.4 kc with sufficient amplitude for measurements with only a few volts oscillator output.

The sample of film or fiber (E) was clamped at (D) and its elongation read from the millimeter scale (L). The sound source, along with the pulley and clamp at the other end, was mounted on an optical bench (F) and the sample was run over the pulley and loaded by a weight to give the desired tension or clamped at the desired elongation.

A rochelle-salt crystal (G) of the type commonly used in high-fidelity phonograph pickups was mounted in a support which could move along the optical bench; the crystal wafer had a small steel wire imbedded in its waxed edge to serve as a bearing surface for the yarn or film sample.

adapted to a study of the truly elastic characteristics of fibers and films. Also, it is difficult to apply some of the methods, such as those based on compression, impact and photo-elastic effects.

To study the elastic component alone requires a high rate of loading so that the deformation is executed very rapidly, thereby minimizing the relaxation and plastic processes. The problem of obtaining this high rate of loading for such measurements was solved by the use of longitudinal vibrations of relatively high frequency, around 10 kc, an application of sound waves used previously by Meyer and Lotmar' but in a less versatile form than that described in this paper.

#### Method

The method is based on the expression for the velocity of sound in media which are free to shrink laterally when extended longitudinally and expand laterally when compressed longitudinally, that is:

$$V = \sqrt{E/d} \quad (1)$$

where  $E$  is Young's modulus of elasticity, and  $d$  is density of the medium. From this it can be seen that  $E$ , the adiabatic modulus, can be calculated if  $V$  and  $d$  are measured. This is what was done in the present case with continuous fiber samples and very narrow film strips. It was assumed that this formula applied to such materials without corrections, which is probably defensible particularly in the case of the fibers which were usually made

up of filaments of very small cross section.

It is a fortunate thing that  $V$  is independent of the fiber cross sectional area, thereby making it unnecessary to measure cross section accurately. This is a distinct advantage not found in the usual methods for measuring Young's modulus. It was necessary to know the density of the fibers and films tested, but the literature provided reliable values in most cases.

Standing waves of a definite frequency were set up in the sample and the half-wavelengths measured. Knowing the frequency, the velocity was then calculated.

Remembering the usual relation for wave motion:  $V = n\lambda$ , where

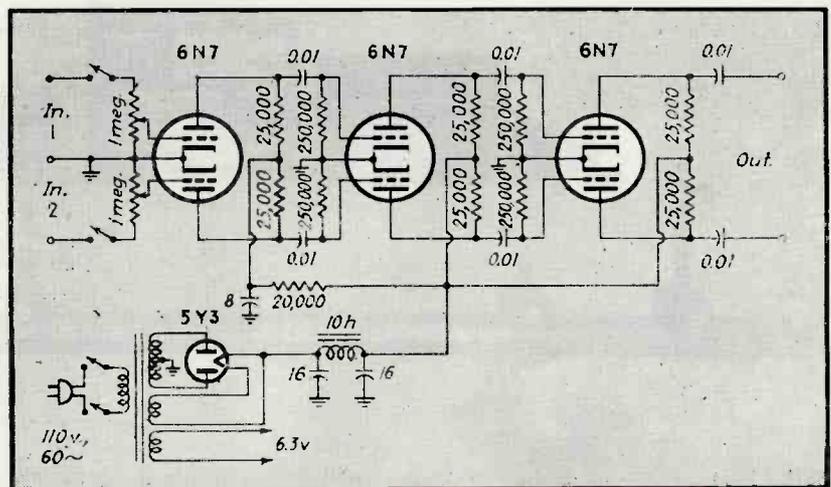


FIG. 2—Circuit of the audio amplifier employed. Only one channel was used in the experiments described. The second channel was provided to facilitate a proposed direct-reading scheme utilizing a phase-meter

The pickup crystal acts both as a reflecting fret and detector of the amplitude of standing waves when these are set up. The crystal pickup feeds into one channel of an amplifier (H) whose circuit is shown in Fig. 2. The amplifier output is filtered through a General Radio 614-P3 60-cycle line filter to a Triplett output meter (I).

The crystal pickup offers a sufficient discontinuity so that some of the energy in the sample is returned of the source. When this returned energy is in phase, standing waves are formed and an intensity increase, as shown by the output meter, occurs. To determine the half-wavelength, the position of the movable crystal support on the optical bench is noted for two successive maxima, the difference then being the required value. This scheme is preferable because end effects cancel out.

#### Operation

In operating the setup, the sample is put in under a definite load or elongation. The detecting crystal is adjusted for height so that good contact with the sample is insured. This adjustment is very important and some practice is required in finding the optimum condition.

The position of the detecting crystal, the amplifier gain and the oscillator output are next adjusted so that a signal of a volt or so appears on the meter. The oscillator frequency is then adjusted for resonance as indicated by a peak in the meter reading at this arbitrary setting of the pickup.

Next the detecting crystal is moved along the optical bench until an absolute peak is found, meter readings every 1 mm are taken and the peak is accurately located. The detecting crystal is then moved on to the next peak and a similar bracketing measurement made.

The small millimeter scale was used for measuring sample elongation under various loads, using a fiducial mark on the sample.

In working with fibers, any twist above three turns per inch was removed before measurements were made. It was found necessary to load all samples initially by a small amount to get good maxima readings. This was done in all cases and

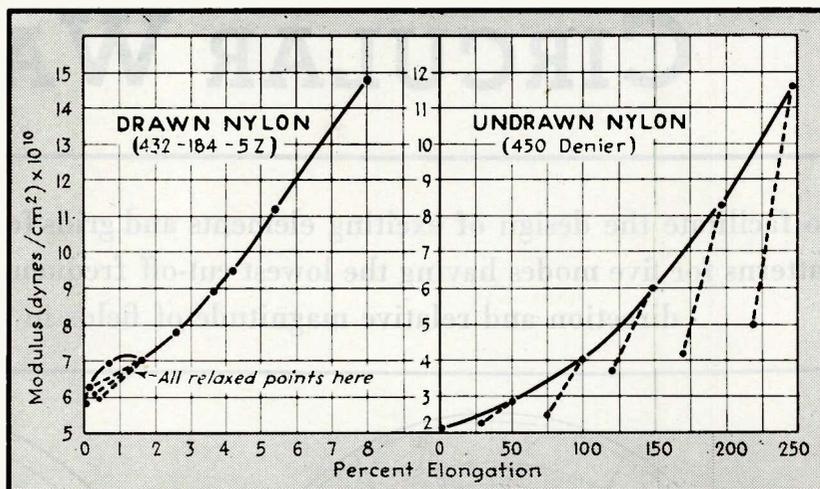


FIG. 3—Graphs showing characteristic behavior of a Nylon polymer yarn, depicting the change in modulus introduced by a drawing operation which orients the yarn and forms it into a tough resilient material

the elongation was calculated using the length at this loading as the original length. In general, cords twisted from strands could not be tested as the surface was too irregular.

In working with films such as cellophane, a strip a few mm wide was cut in the desired direction and put in under a load of 100 g. As before, if the sample was stretched, the length at this load was taken as the original length.

To facilitate routine use of this method, graphs were prepared for each common density used, the modulus being plotted vs the half-wavelength at the operating frequency. The half-wavelength encountered in the tests ranged from 5 to 30 cm. It was found practical to train an operator to use the setup for routine testing, and it is hoped in the future to be able to adapt the arrangement to a direct-reading scheme—perhaps by use of a suitable phase-meter. For this future eventuality, the amplifier was built with two matched channels, although only one channel was used in work covered in this report.

#### Results

The apparatus was first proved-in with steel and copper wires. For such materials, sound velocities checked with International Critical Table values to  $\pm 1$  percent. No trace of transverse vibrations was found; this was gratifying but expected, since the range of transverse vibrations for the tensions,

lengths and linear mass densities encountered is more than an order of magnitude below 10 kc.

Of the materials investigated (a more complete summary is to be found in the reference) the following values were found:

Materials	dynes/cm <sup>2</sup>
Copper—annealed wire	$12 \times 10^{11}$
Steel piano wire	$20 \times 10^{11}$
Linen	$36 \times 10^{10}$
Rayon tire cord	$21 \times 10^{10}$
Human hair	$6-7 \times 10^{10}$
Silk	$19 \times 10^{10}$
Cellophane film	$5-12 \times 10^{10}$

The characteristic behavior of a Nylon polymer yarn is shown in Fig. 3. This depicts the change in modulus introduced by the drawing operation which orients the yarn and forms it into the tough resilient material so well-known to the textile trade. The dotted lines show the behavior when the tension is relaxed.

#### Conclusion

This method for modulus measurements has much to recommend it. It is simple, direct and rapid. The sample is not damaged and its behavior may be observed through a predetermined cycle. Its applications to the study of elastomers in the synthetic rubber industry, as well as to wire and many other phases of metallurgy are indicated, in addition to its potential usefulness in the textile field itself.

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# CIRCULAR WAVE GUIDE

To facilitate the design of exciting elements and grids for filtering particular modes, field patterns for five modes having the lowest cut-off frequencies are plotted. Diagrams show direction and relative magnitude of fields in the transverse plane

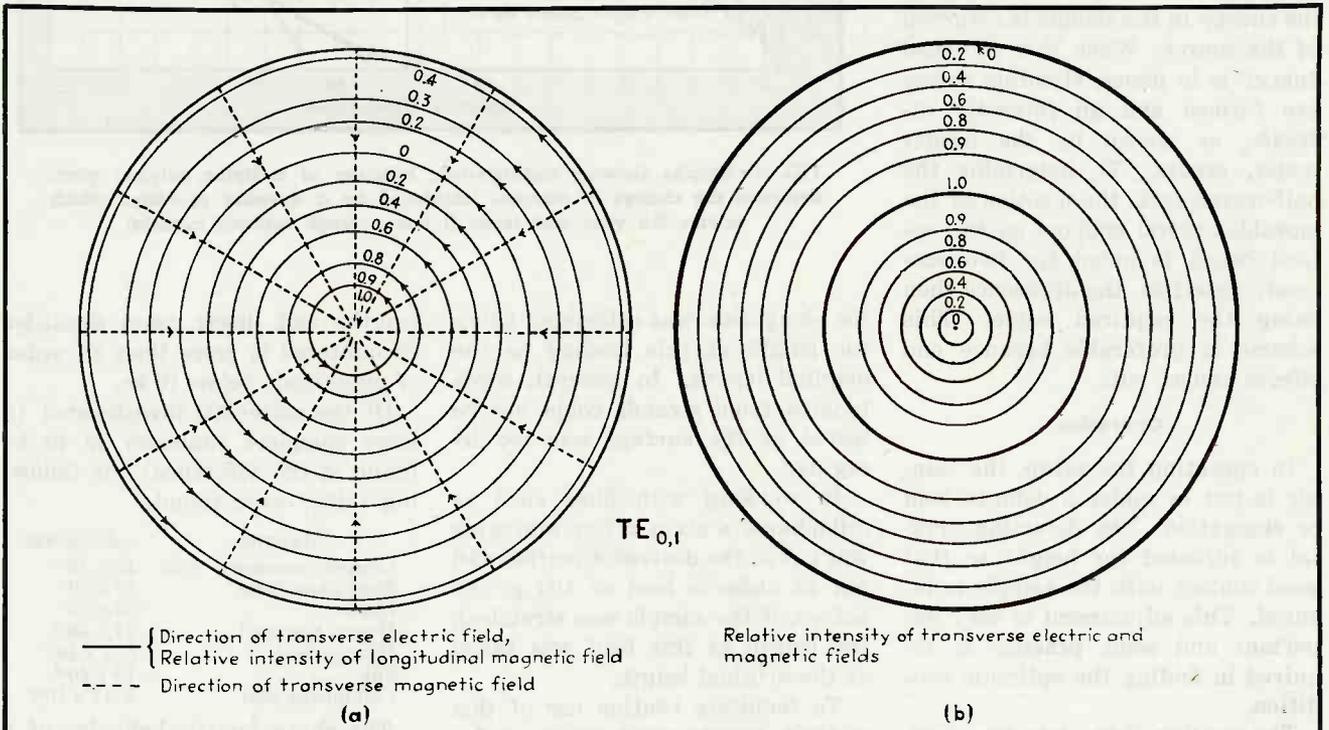


FIG. 1—The wave guide field pattern of the simplest transverse electric wave

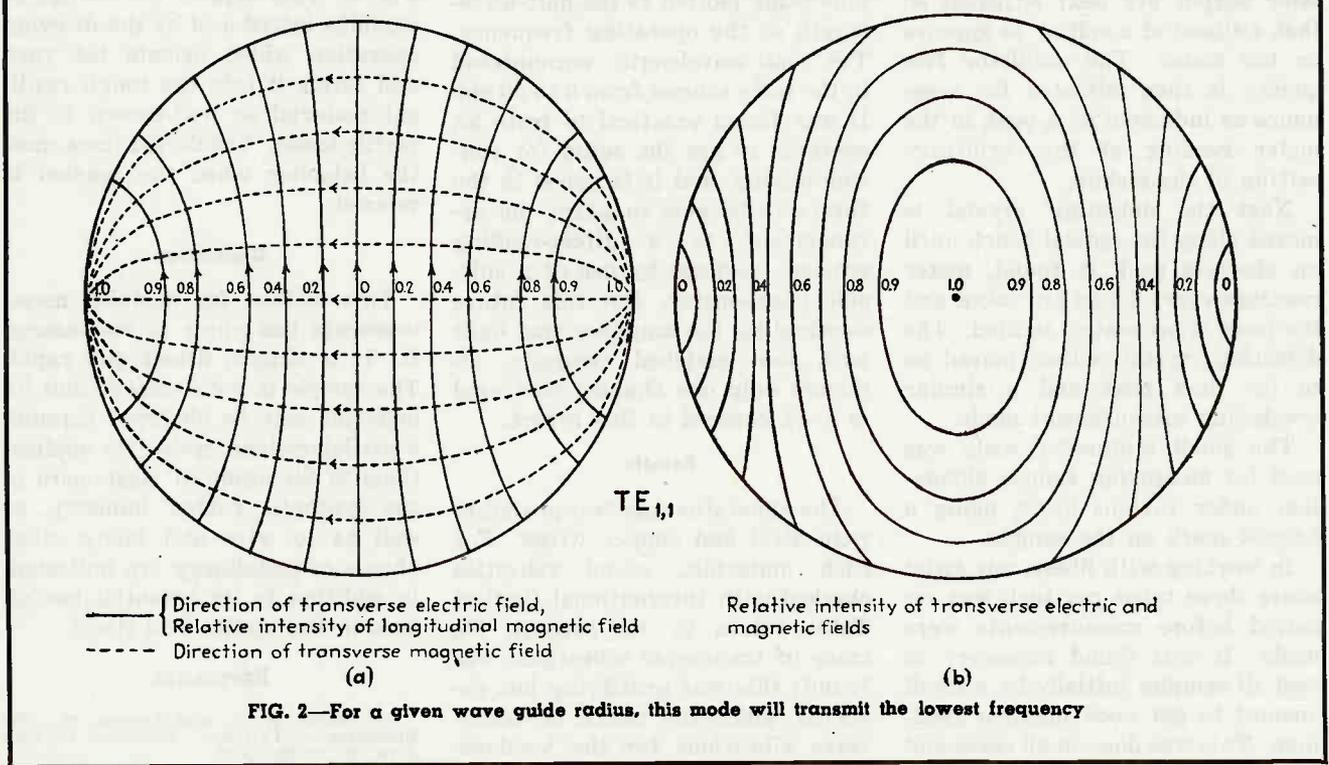


FIG. 2—For a given wave guide radius, this mode will transmit the lowest frequency

# FIELDS

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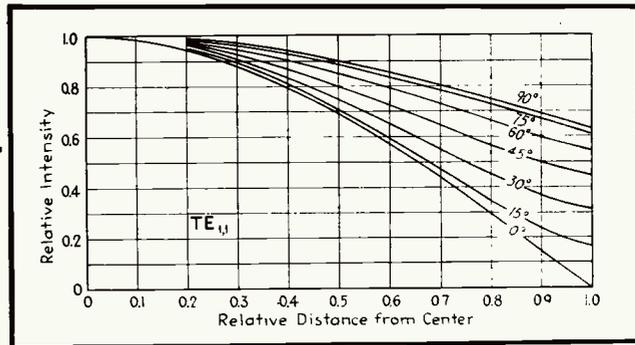


FIG. 3—As an aid to plotting relative transverse field intensity, this intermediate graph is used

**T**HE diagrams presented in this paper describe the electric and magnetic fields inside circular wave guides for certain modes of transmission.

For each mode considered there are curves showing the direction and relative intensity of the transverse fields and the relative intensity of the longitudinal field. The direction of the longitudinal field is, of course, always along the axis of the guide.

The five modes of transmission presented here are those which have the lowest cut-off frequencies.

## Applications of Field Patterns

These curves find practical application in designing many types of wave guide equipment. For example, the design of devices for initiating and receiving the various modes, either independently or simultaneously in a single guide, is aided by a knowledge of the locations of regions of maximum field strengths and their associated directions.

Likewise, the design of filters for passing a desired mode or modes and attenuating undesired modes is materially aided by this information. A further use might be the design of coupling units of all sorts. One application in which these curves have been of considerable benefit is the design of a transducer for changing from one mode of transmission to another.

The curves are of considerable theoretical interest and it is hoped that they will add to the existing knowledge of wave guide transmission.

## TE Field Equations

In a circular, air-filled guide of perfect wall-conductivity at a fre-

quency well above the cut-off frequency, the transverse electric waves ( $TE_{n,m}$ ) are defined by the following equations:

$$E_z = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$H_z = A J_n (K_m' r/a) \cos (n\theta) \cos (\omega t - \beta x) \quad (2)$$

$$E_\theta = (377A) (f/f_0) \frac{[J_n' (K_m' r/a) \cos (n\theta) \sin (\omega t - \beta x)]}{[J_n' (K_m' r/a) \cos (n\theta) \sin (\omega t - \beta x)]} \quad (3)$$

$$H_r = -A \sqrt{(f/f_0)^2 - 1} \frac{[J_n' (K_m' r/a) \cos (n\theta) \sin (\omega t - \beta x)]}{[J_n' (K_m' r/a) \cos (n\theta) \sin (\omega t - \beta x)]} \quad (4)$$

$$E_r = (377A) (n/K_m') (a/r) (f/f_0) \frac{[J_n (K_m' r/a) \sin (n\theta) \sin (\omega t - \beta x)]}{[J_n (K_m' r/a) \sin (n\theta) \sin (\omega t - \beta x)]} \quad (5)$$

$$H_\theta = A (n/K_m') (a/r) \sqrt{(f/f_0)^2 - 1} \frac{[J_n (K_m' r/a) \sin (n\theta) \sin (\omega t - \beta x)]}{[J_n (K_m' r/a) \sin (n\theta) \sin (\omega t - \beta x)]} \quad (6)$$

where

$E$  = the electric field intensity in volts per meter along the axis indicated by the subscript

$H$  = the magnetic field intensity in amperes-turns per meter along the axis indicated by the subscript

$A$  = a constant determining the maximum amplitude of the field

$a$  = the diameter of the guide

$r/a$  = the relative radial distance from the center of the guide

$x$  = the distance along the axis of the guide

$\theta$  = the angle in the transverse plane

$J_n ( )$  = the Bessel function of the first kind of order  $n$

$J_n' ( )$  = the first derivative of  $J_n ( )$  with respect to its argument

$K_m'$  = the  $m$ th root of  $J_n' (K) = 0$

$f_0$  = the cut-off frequency

$f$  = the frequency of transmission

$\omega = 2\pi f$

$\beta$  = the phase shift in the guide in radians per meter

In these equations the factors which determine the phase of the components are of no importance in calculating the field direction and relative intensity beyond indicating that all transverse components are in phase. For that reason these factors are omitted throughout the following discussion.

The direction of the transverse electric field is given at every point inside the guide by the differential equation

$$r \, d\theta/dr = E_\theta/E_r \quad (7)$$

If the expressions for  $E_\theta$  and  $E_r$  from Eq. (3) and (5) are substituted in Eq. (7) and the integration carried out the resulting equation is

$$J_n (K_m' r/a) \cos (n\theta) = C \quad (8)$$

where  $C$  is an arbitrary constant. Except for a constant multiplier, the left side of this equation is also the expression for  $H_z$ . Therefore, Eq. (8) defines a family of curves which at every point determines the direction of the transverse electric field and also, with appropriate choices of  $C$ , give the contours of relative intensity for the longitudinal magnetic field,  $H_z$ .

The results of evaluating Eq. (8) for the  $TE_{0,1}$ ,  $TE_{1,1}$ , and  $TE_{2,1}$  modes are shown by the solid lines in Fig. 1(a), Fig. 2 (a), and Fig. 4(a) respectively. The number near each line is the relative intensity of  $H_z$  for that particular contour. The tangent to the line at any point is the direction of the transverse electric field at that point.

The same figures also show with dotted lines the direction of the transverse magnetic field. These curves are not calculated but are simply sketched in as the orthogonal trajectories of the first set. In fact, calculated curves for the  $TE_{1,1}$  and  $TE_{2,1}$  modes would be difficult to obtain as the family is represented mathematically by a slowly convergent infinite series.

## Determination of Relative Transverse Field Intensity

The next items of interest are the contours of relative intensity for the transverse electric and magnetic fields. In the case of the  $TE_{0,1}$  mode where  $E_r$  is zero, these curves are easily obtained by setting the expression for  $E_\theta$  equal to an ap-

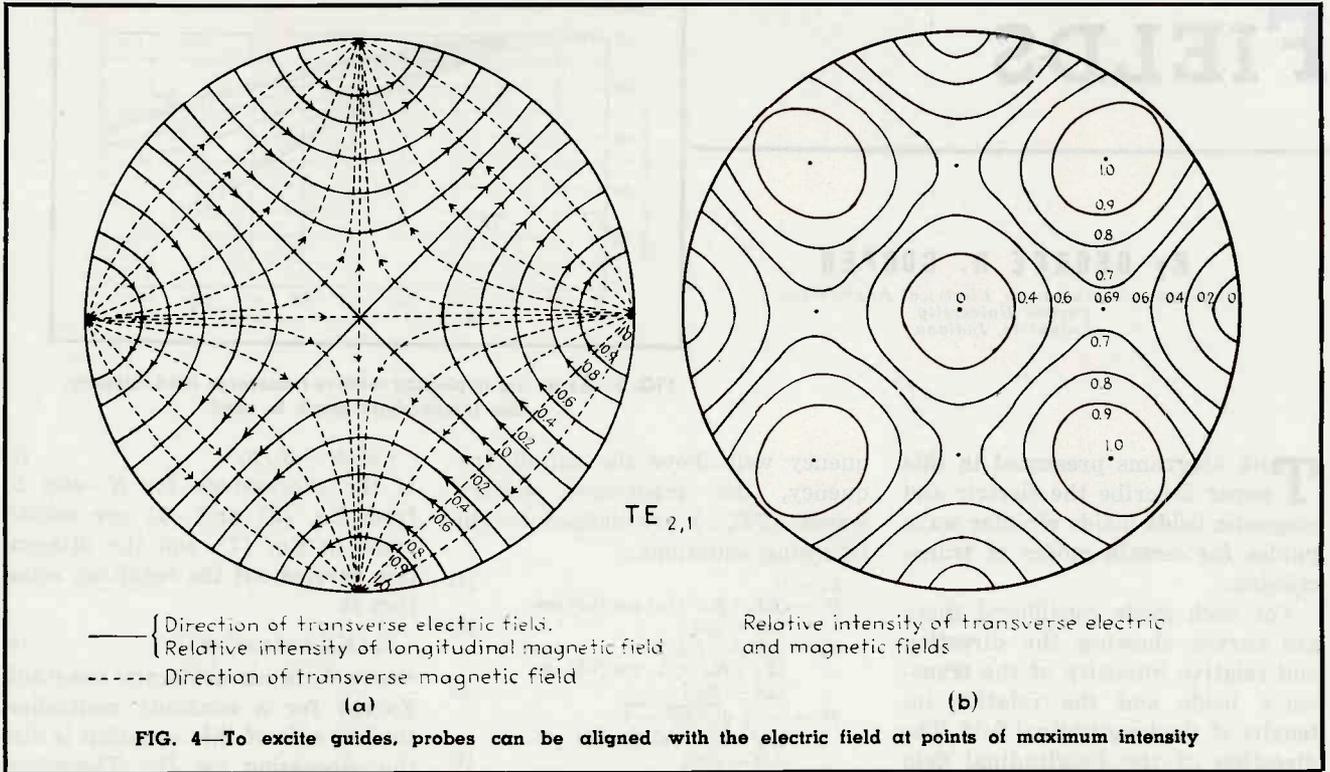


FIG. 4—To excite guides, probes can be aligned with the electric field at points of maximum intensity

appropriate set of constants. The results are shown in Fig. 1(b).

For the  $TE_{1,1}$  and  $TE_{2,1}$  modes the problem is more difficult as there are two components to consider and the total transverse field is the resultant of these two. The first step is to evaluate  $E_\theta$  and  $E_r$  for a number of values of  $r/a$  and  $\theta$  and to

find the resultant field by taking the square root of the sums of the squares of these two components. The resultant values, expressed as relative intensity, are then plotted as a function of  $r/a$  with  $\theta$  as a parameter. These intermediate curves are shown in Fig. 3 and Fig. 5. From these curves it is possible

to read the values of  $r/a$  and  $\theta$  needed to plot the contours of relative intensity. These contours are shown in Fig. 2(b) and Fig. 4(b).

Although the contour intensity curves were calculated from the electric field equations, they apply equally well to the transverse magnetic field because of the constant

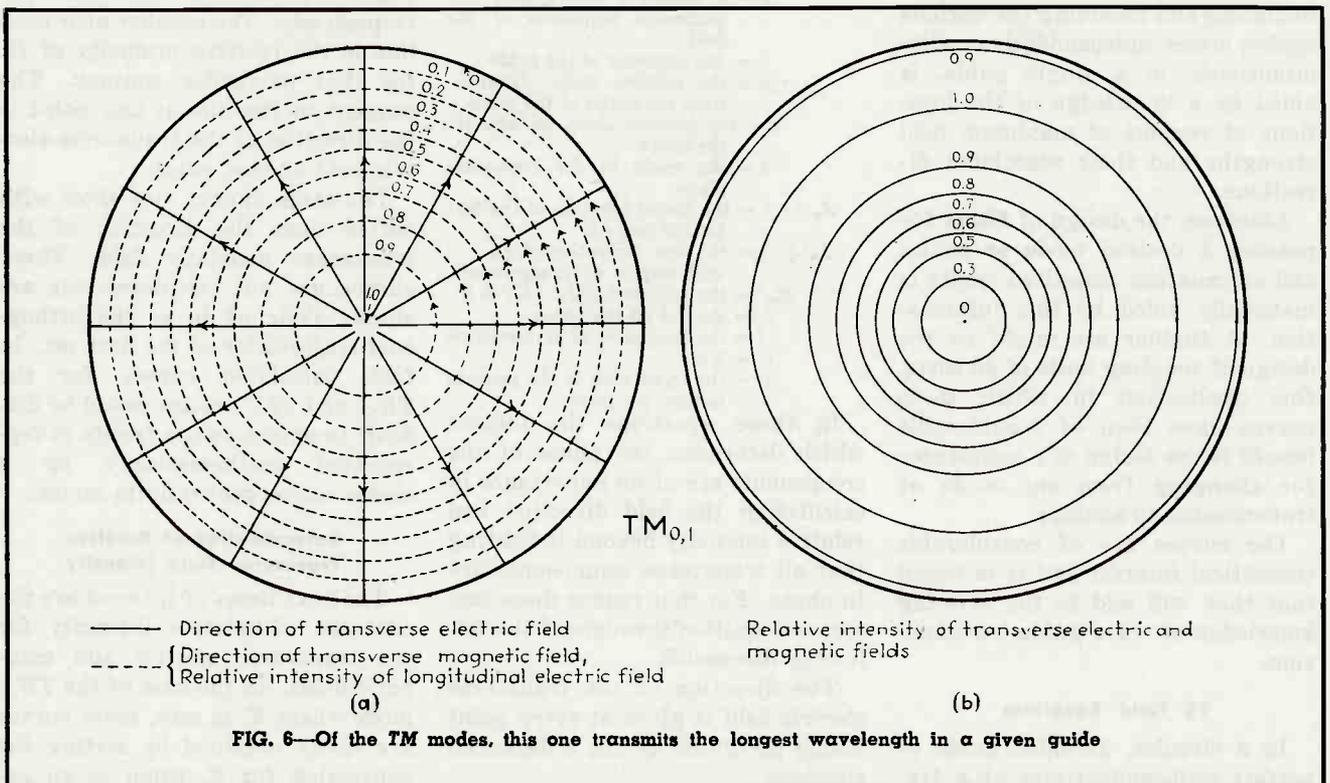


FIG. 6—Of the TM modes, this one transmits the longest wavelength in a given guide

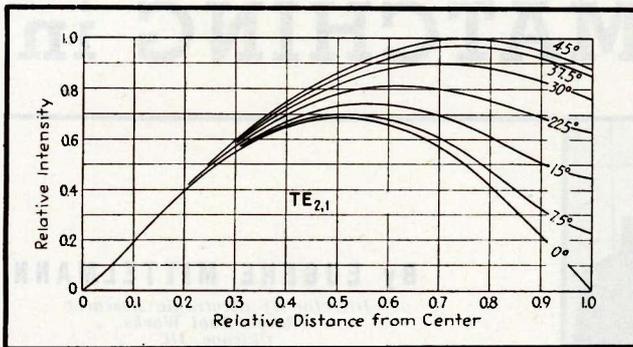


FIG. 5—This intermediate graph gives relative intensity, but not direction, of the transverse field

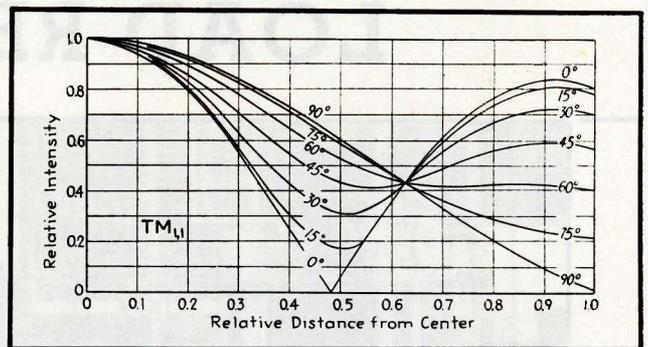


FIG. 8—Replotting these curves on polar coordinates as in Fig. 7(b) gives intensity contours

ratio between orthogonal field components. It is obviously impossible to represent the intensity or direction of the total magnetic field with a single set of curves as the longitudinal and transverse components are ninety degrees out of time phase.

#### TM Field Equations

The transverse magnetic waves ( $TM_{n,m}$ ) may be represented by the following equations:

$$H_x = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$E_x = A J_n (K_m r/a) \cos(n\theta) \cos(\omega t - \beta x) \quad (10)$$

$$H_\theta = -\frac{A}{377} \frac{(f/f_0)}{[J_n'(K_m r/a) \cos(n\theta) \sin(\omega t - \beta x)]} \quad (11)$$

$$E_r = -\frac{A}{[J_n'(K_m r/a) \cos(n\theta) \sin(\omega t - \beta x)]} \sqrt{\frac{(f/f_0)^2 - 1}{(f/f_0)^2}} \quad (12)$$

$$H_r = -\frac{A}{377} \frac{(n/K_m) (a/r) (f/f_0)}{[J_n(K_m r/a) \sin(n\theta) \sin(\omega t - \beta x)]} \quad (13)$$

$$E_\theta = A \frac{(n/K_m) (a/r) \sqrt{(f/f_0)^2 - 1}}{[J_n(K_m r/a) \sin(n\theta) \sin(\omega t - \beta x)]} \quad (14)$$

where

$K_m$  is the  $m$ th root of  $J_n(K) = 0$

By a method similar to that used previously it is possible to show that the equation

$$J_n(K_m r/a) \cos(n\theta) = C \quad (15)$$

defines a family of curves which gives the direction of the transverse magnetic field and, also, contours of relative intensity for the longitudinal electric field. These curves for the  $TM_{0,1}$  and  $TM_{1,1}$  modes are shown by the dotted lines in Fig. 6(a) and Fig. 7(a) respectively. The directions of the transverse electric field are shown by the

solid lines drawn in the same figures.

The contours of relative intensity for the transverse electric field are determined by the same general method as was used for the  $TE$  waves. Since no intermediate curves are needed for the  $TM_{0,1}$  mode, the final result is plotted immediately in Fig. 6(b). For the  $TM_{1,1}$  mode intermediate curves are necessary and these are shown in Fig. 8. The contours of relative intensity for this mode are then plotted in Fig. 7(b). As in the case of the  $TE$  waves, these curves apply equally well to the magnetic field.

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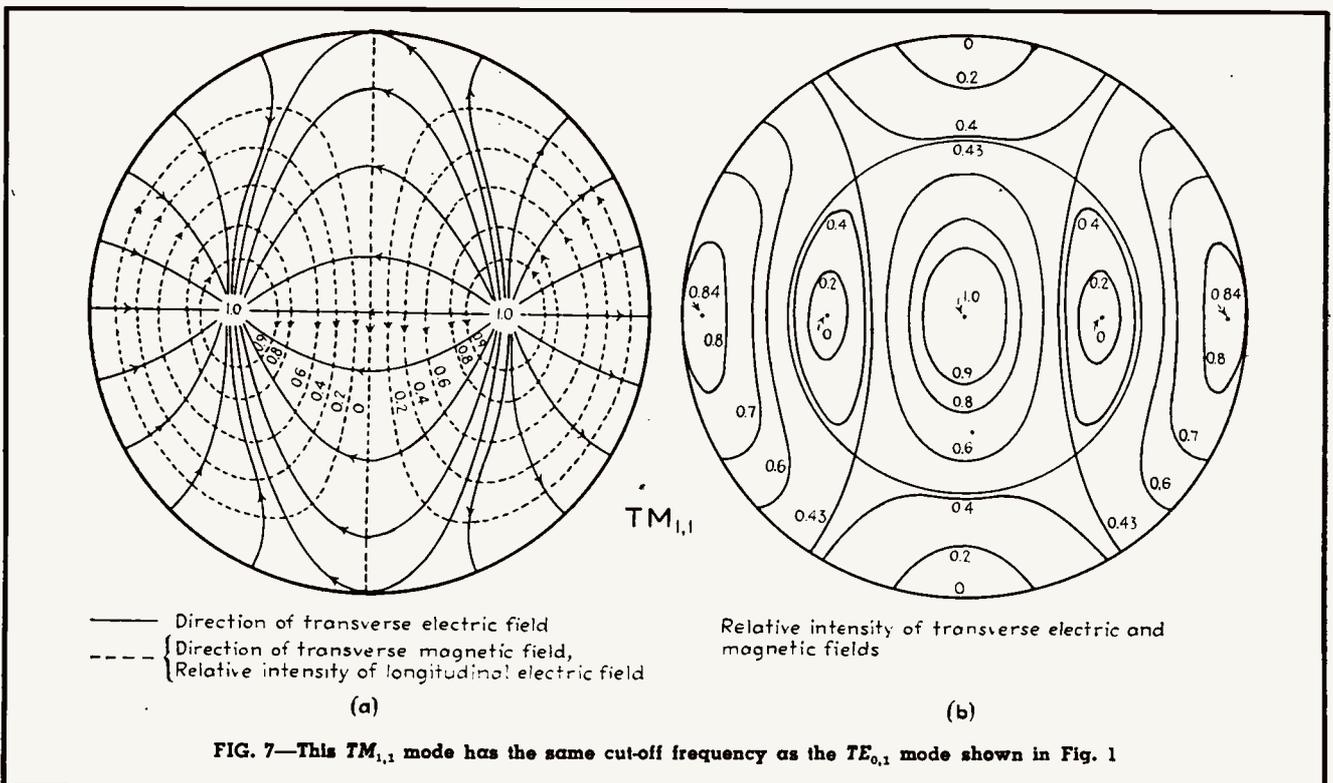
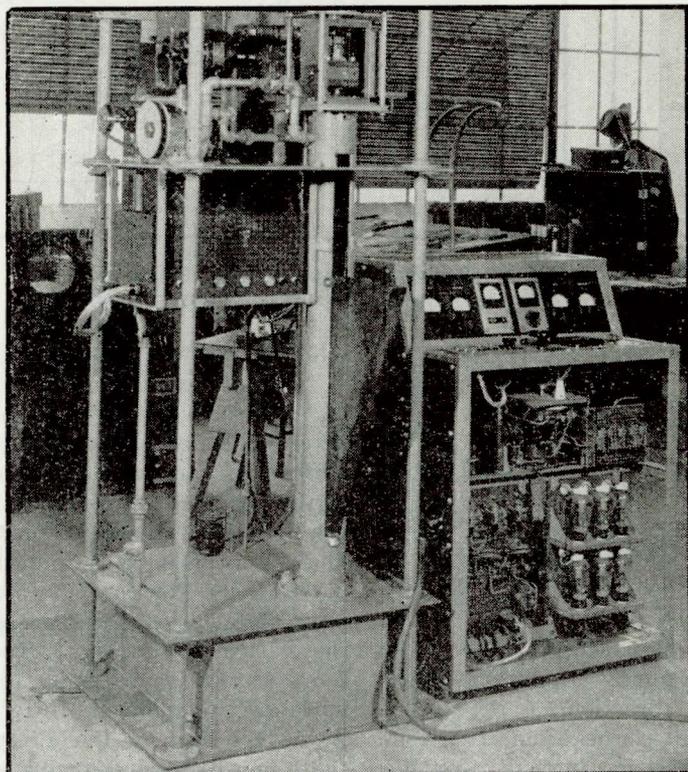


FIG. 7—This  $TM_{1,1}$  mode has the same cut-off frequency as the  $TE_{0,1}$  mode shown in Fig. 1

# LOAD REMATCHING in



Continuous rematching equipment developed for heating a moving charge having a non-uniform cross-section, such as rifling broaches

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In the high-temperature heat treatment of ferrous metals by high-frequency induction, the heating cycle is divided into two distinct regions. The dividing point is around 1450 deg F, at which temperature the metal loses its magnetic properties and becomes paramagnetic. The amount of power which is absorbed by the charge and converted into heat is determined by the density of the high-frequency magnetic field. This in turn is a direct function of the magnetic permeability of the material.

In the beginning of the heating cycle the permeability, and with it the power absorption, increases and hence the temperature is raised at an accelerated rate. This corresponds to the first part of curve A in Fig. 1, which shows the power absorption for constant current through the heater coil as a function of the heating time. At the Curie point of magnetic transformation the power absorption drops rapidly below the original value at the beginning of the heating cycle, due to the loss of permeability. Correspondingly, the temperature curve C, which was rising steeply up to the critical or Curie temperature, will now increase more slowly.

The peak of curve A corresponds to the maximum value of permeability of the charge, and hence maximum power absorption. Curve B indicates the power level which it is desirable to maintain should the unit be utilized during the entire heating cycle at its full power rating. The corresponding ideal behavior of the temperature curve is represented by curve D.

From an electrical point of view the behavior of the material within the heater coil corresponds to a

**T**HE problems confronting the radio engineer designing high-frequency generators for industrial purposes are in many respects different from those encountered in the field of communications. This will perhaps be most evident when one considers the different natures of the load impedances to be dealt with in both fields.

Usually the oscillator or the final amplifier of the communications generator delivers power into a load of constant impedance. Maximum power delivery is obtained by proper matching of the load to the generator impedance.

In the field of high-frequency heating generators for industrial purposes, conditions are more complicated, due to the fact that the generator must be able to deliver power to a wide variety of load impedances, and the value of the load impedance itself in any particular application seldom remains constant; rather, it changes within

wide limits during the heating cycle. The above conditions will hold true for both induction and dielectric heating.

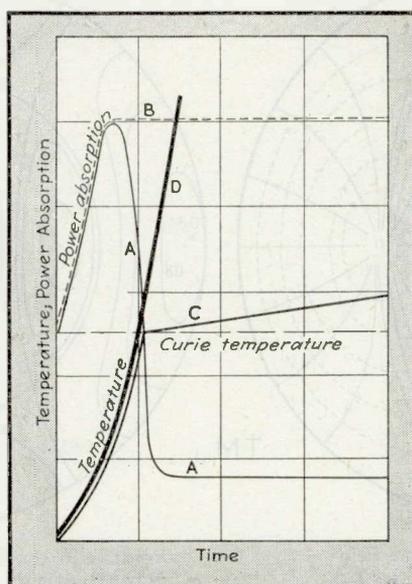


FIG. 1—Variation of power absorption and temperature of a ferromagnetic charge with time during the heating cycle, assuming constant current through heater coil

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# ELECTRONIC HEATING

Load rematching permits using peak power output for a greater portion of the heating cycle, despite permeability changes at the Curie point in induction heating and power factor changes in dielectric heating. Circuits are given for one-step rematching with relays and for continuous rematching with a thyatron-driven motor arrangement

condition where the generator feeding the heater coil first has to supply power to a low-impedance load, then to a high-impedance load after the Curie point of magnetic transformation is reached.

Somewhat similar conditions prevail in the dielectric type of high-frequency heating. For instance, in all drying processes where moisture is given up by the material during the heating cycle, both the power factor and the dielectric constant of the material decrease with heating time. The originally low-impedance load is again changed into a high-impedance load.

Contrary behavior is observed in the heat treatment of plastic materials. For most plastics the power factor increases with increasing temperature, giving increased power absorption toward the end of the heating cycle.

## Advantage of Continuous Matching

In both induction and dielectric electronic heating, there is thus a certain peak load which is considerably higher than the mean value of the power averaged over the entire

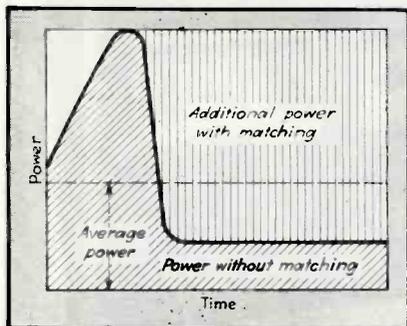


FIG. 2—Without continuous rematching of generator to load in induction heating, the total Btu of heat delivered to the charge during the heating cycle (diagonally shaded area) is only a fraction of that obtainable with the load matched at all times

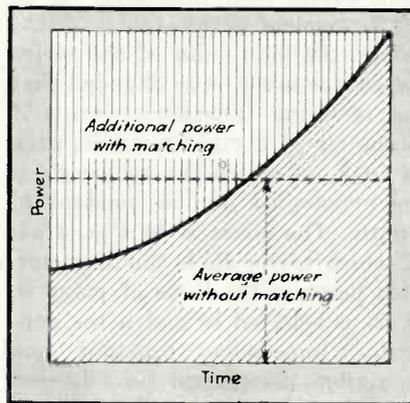


FIG. 3—In dielectric heating of thermosetting materials, power absorption increases with time because power factor increases with temperature. Continuous rematching would permit using peak power output throughout the heating cycle

heating cycle. This means that the high-frequency generator cannot be set at the beginning of the heating period for full power output without running the risk of overloading the tubes at some time during the heating cycle. Furthermore, the generator must be designed for a higher peak rating than the total amount of Btu required for a certain heating job might appear to warrant.

Both from an engineering and an economic point of view it would, of course, be desirable to have generators available for high-frequency heating purposes which will deliver constant power to the load, irrespective of changes in impedance within reasonable limits.

In spite of the high peak power in induction heating, the average value of power absorption is relatively low, as indicated in Fig. 2. The total amount of heat energy supplied to the load is proportional to the product of time and power, and hence to the diagonally shaded area under the curve.

If conditions could be changed in such a manner as to insure continuous matching between load and generator at all times during the entire heating cycle, then the full power rating of the generator could be utilized continuously once peak power is reached. The vertically shaded area in Fig. 2 represents the additional energy that would then become available for heating.

Conditions encountered in dielectric heating of plastic materials are shown in Fig. 3. Only the diagonal shaded area of watt-seconds is available in conventional set-ups because the peak power absorption at the end of the heating cycle governs the entire cycle. However, with proper matching at the beginning of the heating cycle and continuous rematching until the end, full power could be applied at the start without running the risk of overloading the tubes toward the end.

## The Problem of Rematching

In practically all applications of high-frequency heating the load impedance coupled to the generator has both reactive and resistive com-

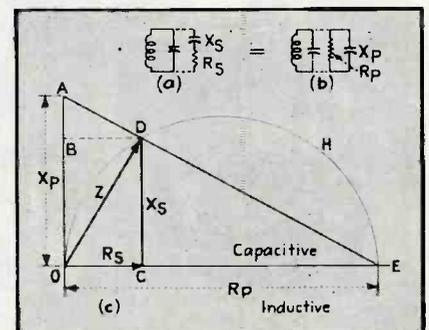


FIG. 4—Vector diagram for transformation of a series load circuit into an equivalent parallel circuit having identical power dissipation. Peak power output is delivered to the load Z as long as the loci of this vector is the circle indicated here

ponents. The load can always be represented as the series combination of a loss resistance and a reactive element, which in turn can be either inductive or capacitive.

In the load circuit of Fig. 4(a),  $X_s$  represents the total variable series reactance (the equivalent series reactance of the load plus the reactance of the variable coupling element) and  $R_s$  represents the total series resistance of the load. In the equivalent circuit of Fig. 4(b),  $R_p$  represents the equivalent parallel loss resistance and  $X_p$  the equivalent parallel reactance. The two circuits are fully equivalent if the impedance elements are related according to the impedance triangles in Fig. 4(c). When angle ODE is a right angle, triangles OCD and DCE are similar and  $DC/OC = CE/CD$ . Since  $CE = OE - OC = R_p - R_s$ , it follows from the laws of geometry that

$$\frac{R_p - R_s}{X_s} = \frac{X_s}{R_s} \quad (1)$$

Triangles ABD and OCD are also similar, so that  $AB:OC = BD:CD$ . and

$$\frac{X_p - X_s}{R_s} = \frac{R_s}{X_s} \quad (2)$$

By transformation and substitution of  $|Z|^2$  for  $R_s^2 + X_s^2$ , the above equations become

$$R_p = |Z|^2/R_s \quad (3)$$

$$X_p = |Z|^2/X_s \quad (4)$$

The condition that constant power shall be absorbed by the load demands that the value of the equivalent parallel loss resistance  $R_p$  referred back to the generator terminals shall remain constant. To maintain  $R_p$  constant as the equivalent series load resistance  $R_s$  or the equivalent series reactance  $X_s$  varies, the total value of the series impedance must be so changed that the resulting impedance vector  $Z$  is one leg of a right triangle, such as ODE, of which the vector  $R_p$  is the hypotenuse and is constant in length. The circle H in Fig. 4(c), of which vector  $R_p$  is the diameter, then becomes the locus of point D. If  $R_p$  is selected to match the generator impedance, constant and maximum power will be delivered to the external load at all times.

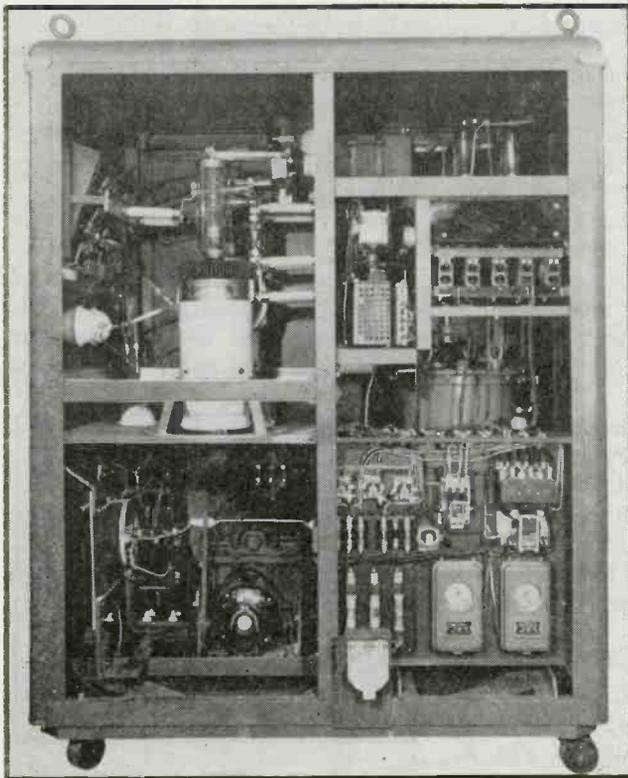
The above principle can be used to obtain constant matching be-

tween a generator and a variable load both in induction and dielectric heating.

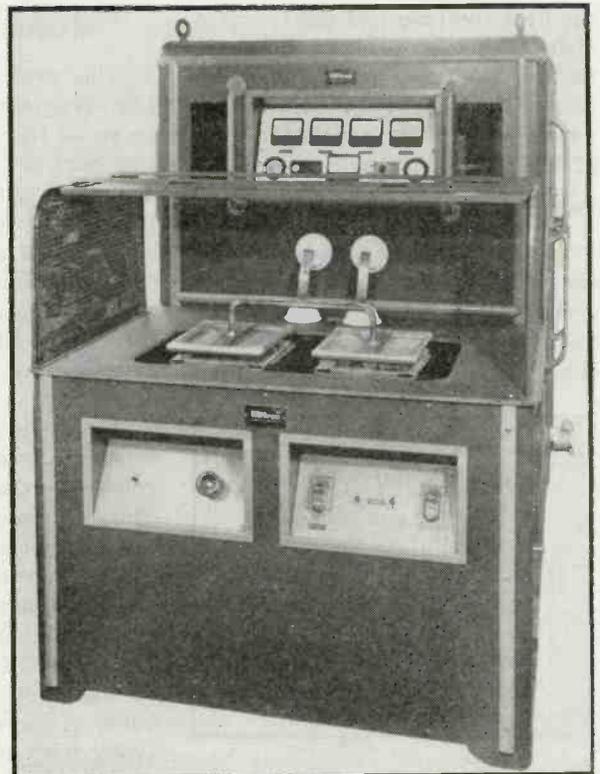
#### Description of Equipment

The selection of the proper rematching mechanism will necessarily be governed by the length of the heating cycle. In induction heating the cycles are usually of the order of a few seconds or even fractions of a second. In most applications of dielectric heating longer times are required, ranging from seconds up to minutes. Accordingly, two different systems of rematching will be discussed.

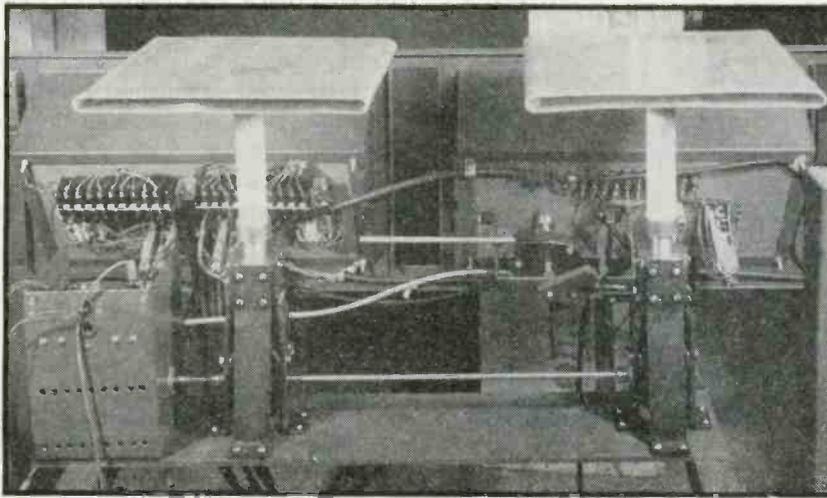
The circuit shown in Fig. 5 is used for rematching the generator to the changed load in high-frequency induction heating, especially in the high-temperature heat-treating of ferrous metals. The generator is of the self-excited push-pull class C type. The heater coil, with its charge, is connected to a part of the tank circuit through a double-pole, double-throw rematching relay. The heater coil forms part of an auto-transformer circuit. The tank coil center tap



Rear view of generator. Oscillator compartment, with two air-cooled transmitting tubes, is at upper left, with blower just below. Motor-driven Variac transformer for adjusting filament voltage is in approximate center of unit. Peak output of this unit is 20 kw



Electronic generator with continuous rematching equipment, developed for dielectric heating of large plastic preforms involving a load weighing from 3 to 12 pounds and varying in both power factor and dielectric constant during the heating cycle



Details of rematching mechanism for 20-kw plastic preheating unit. A thyatron-controlled motor moves the two capacitor plates towards or away from the electrodes supporting the plastic preforms

and the B+ terminal of the power supply are at ground potential.

A relay shunted by an adjustable resistance is in series with the plate power supply circuit and is so adjusted that it will respond to a predetermined peak value of the plate current. At the instant this peak value is reached, the plate circuit relay closes and preconditions an auxiliary relay, which will respond after the plate current changes by a few percent of its peak value toward lower current ratings. This corresponds to the descending part of the power absorption curve in Fig. 1. At this point a plunger-type time-delay relay applies full cut-off bias to the grids of both oscillator tubes and throws a rematching relay over to the high-impedance connection required after the Curie point. Additional contacts on the rematching relay then open the circuit of the time-delay relay, so the cut-off bias is removed after a time delay of a few milliseconds; this is just sufficient to allow the rematching relay to be actuated under no-load conditions. Holding contacts keep the rematching relay energized until a timer circuit terminates the heating cycle and resets all relay circuits for a new cycle.

The results obtained by this arrangement are remarkable for two reasons:

- (1) Smaller power rating generators can be used on jobs for which far larger units were deemed necessary.
- (2) High-frequency generators

can be used economically for high-temperature jobs.

Figure 6 gives a performance comparison of a conventional high-frequency generator (A) and one having half the rated power output but equipped with the rematching mechanism (B). Generator A reaches the critical temperature of magnetic transformation somewhat sooner, but after the Curie temperature is passed the smaller unit delivers heat to the charge at a higher rate and thus arrives at higher temperatures in a shorter time.

The temperature rise before the Curie point is closely approximated by a square-law function, and for this reason the time difference between the two points at which

Curie temperature is reached is relatively small. The higher the required temperatures, the greater are the differences in efficiency and required heating time.

Surface hardening of 3/4-inch diameter steel rings to various depths has been achieved in 3.5 seconds with a 2-Mc generator of only 2.5 kw output, by using a rematching unit. This is interesting because up to now it was not considered possible to obtain case hardening with power inputs less than about 10 kw per square inch. The heating time for surface hardening to 1/2-inch depth was 3 seconds. The temperature of magnetic transformation was reached within the first 2 seconds. During the change-over

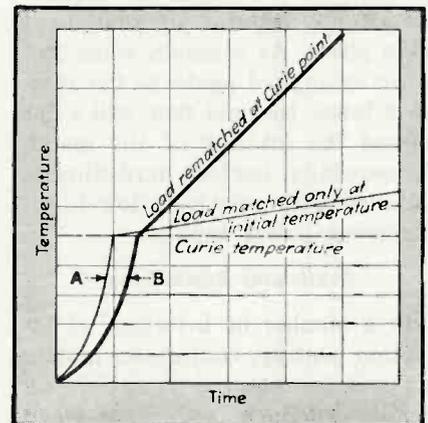


FIG. 6—Time-temperature curves for two high-frequency generators used for induction heating. The smaller unit with rematching (B) reaches temperatures above the Curie point much faster than generator A which has twice the output rating of B

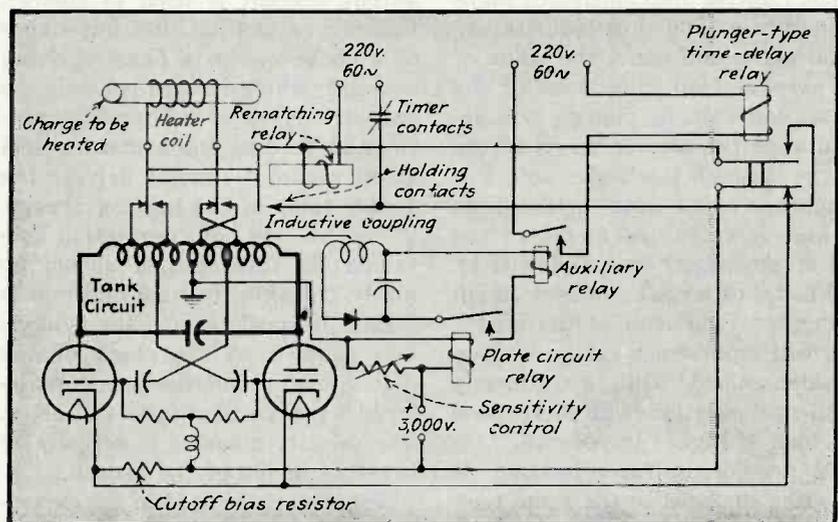
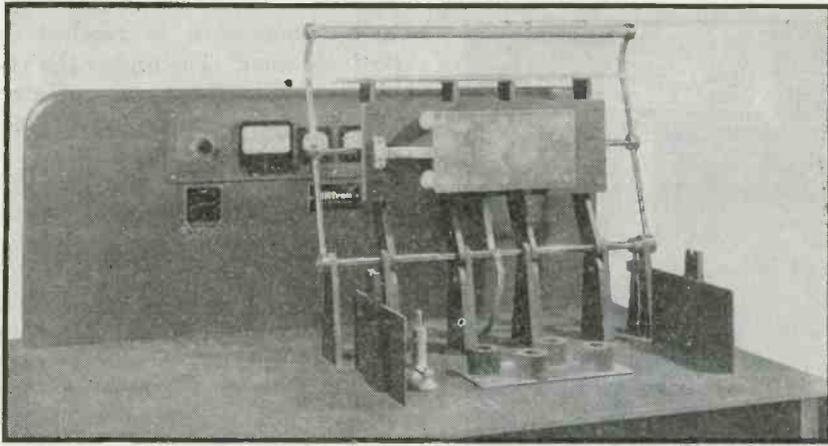


FIG. 5—Simplified schematic diagram of induction heating unit providing one step automatic rematching of tank circuit to load. The timer contacts open momentarily at the end of the heating cycle to release the rematching relay in preparation for a new cycle



Details of working table of 5-kw unit, with four preforms in position and top electrode raised

time, a few milliseconds, a certain equalization of the temperature gradient existing from the surface toward the interior of the metal takes place. As a result, when full power is applied again to the sample a lower thermal flow will exist toward the interior of the metal. Consequently, surface hardening is obtained with relatively low high-frequency power input.

#### Continuous Rematching

In a number of instances of induction heating, continuous matching will be required to satisfy all conditions. Such is the case when dealing with a charge fed continuously through the heater coil but of variable cross-section. An example is shown in Fig. 7, involving high-frequency heat treatment of a rifling broach.

The relative distribution of high-temperature and low-temperature metal mass, and hence the value of the average load impedance of the heater coil with its charge, will depend upon the rate of travel of the charge through the heater coil. For instance, a small cross-section piece of high-temperature metal at the end of the heater coil, followed by cold metal of large cross-section entering the front end of the heater coil, will represent a relatively low-impedance load, while a uniformly small cross-section will correspond to a load of higher impedance.

To provide uniform heating of all outer surfaces to the same temperature, the heater coil is designed to match the load to the generator at an average mass of metal within the heater coil traveling at an aver-

age speed. Every deviation from these predetermined averages will correspond to a change in load impedance and will be accordingly reflected back into the plate circuit of the oscillator.

A schematic diagram of the equipment is also shown in Fig. 7. Variation of oscillator plate current from a predetermined optimum value is used to provide a system of continuous rematching. A variable control rheostat in series with the plate current circuit converts the plate current variations into voltage variations and drives the input of a bridge-type amplifier having one control and one compensating tube. The bias of the compensating tube is so set that for the desired plate current of the oscillator a certain output current is obtained from the amplifier. This output current is used to change, through saturation, the impedance of a choke coil in a phase-shifting network, which in turn controls the output current of a thyatron rectifier in feeding the armature of a shunt-wound d-c motor driving the feeder cable of the moving charge.

The degree of regulation obtained by this method shows up nicely if a velocity-time diagram is taken. A small tachometer dynamo was coupled to the shaft of the driver motor and the speed registered by a vacuum-tube voltmeter. The velocity diagram is actually an inverted image of the broach.

The generator used in the experiment, shown elsewhere in this article along with its associated quenching device, pumps, etc., was a 2-megacycle, 2.5-kw unit. The entire

64-inch broach was heated to 2350 deg F in 92 seconds. Incidentally, this equipment demonstrates that relatively good frequency stability could be obtained without much additional effort. The frequency variation between no-load and full-load conditions at any instant was not over 75 kc total band width.

#### Rematching in Plastic Heating

The problem of heating plastic preforms demands equipment where the continuous adjustment of matching can be obtained between load and generator to secure maximum power absorption by the load during the entire heating cycle.

The solution is perhaps best illustrated by describing a commercially built equipment of 20-kw high-frequency output, used in the preheating of large plastic preforms. The load may vary between three to twelve pounds weight, and it was demanded that the generator shall adjust itself automatically to any new load conditions without any necessity for the operator to make adjustments.

The electronic generator used in this arrangement is of the self-excited push-pull type, with the center of the tank circuit grounded and connected to the positive terminal of the high-voltage power supply as shown in Fig. 8. The load is placed between two capacitor plates, which in turn are coupled to the tank circuit by means of a variable capacitance. The spacing between the capacitor plates containing the load and the coupling plate can be changed by a reversible motor.

The feedback and initial coupling are so adjusted that for the rated maximum plate current of the oscillator tubes, matching is obtained and maximum power is delivered to the load. Any variation of the load impedance will be reflected into the plate circuit. The changing voltage drop across variable resistor  $R$ , due to plate current variations, drives the balanced-tube bridge amplifier. Two relays are connected across the output of the balanced bridge, each in series with a rectifier which allows current to pass through only one of the relays for either unbalanced condition. Thus, for increasing load impedance one of the relays will re-

spond, closing contacts 1 of the reversible 220-volt, 60-cps motor; this moves the coupling reactance in a direction increasing the spacing, thus increasing the coupling reactance between load and generator to correct the matching. For a decrease in load, relay 2 will respond, closing contacts and reversing the motor so as to move the coupling plates in the opposite direction.

#### Operation During Heating Cycle

During the heating cycle of plastic preforms, the power factor of the material increases with increasing temperature. The coupling at the beginning, being adjusted for maximum power absorption, matches a relatively high-impedance load. In the course of the heating cycle the power factor will increase and the load impedance decrease accordingly. The balanced amplifier will try to correct for the lower impedance and therefore the control motor will adjust the coupling in the direction of a larger coupling reactance by increasing the spacing between the coupling plate and the electrodes. This means that at the end of the completed heating cycle both coupling plates will be in a position of maximum distance from the electrodes, and hence provide minimum coupling between load and generator. The next cycle will start at this minimum-coupling position, excluding the possibility of an overloaded plate circuit. Once the next cycle is started the rematching mechanism will automatically seek its own position of optimum coupling, corresponding to matched conditions between load and generator.

After the filament voltage is brought up to its nominal value the unit is made ready to operate by pushing a starter button on the front panel. This turns on the high-voltage power supply and simultaneously connects the armature of the reversible rematching motor across the 60-cycle, 220-volt line.

A high-frequency wattmeter indicates the amount of high-frequency power converted into heat within the load. The load electrodes are accessible after opening the screen gate in front of the unit, which automatically shuts off the high-voltage circuit. Proper recy-

cling is obtained by a timer circuit.

The fact that the generator automatically adjusts itself to maximum power output at any present level makes it possible that a number of molding presses calling for various amounts of preform material can be supplied alternately without making any changes on the generator or its associated circuits. Such operations were performed successfully by unskilled labor.

A 5-kw generator using the same principles of automatic rematching was developed primarily for multicavity molding. The preforms are

placed on the bottom electrode. The top electrode, which can be lifted by a lever mechanism, will adjust itself to any spacing corresponding to the thickness of the preform. Correspondingly, the matching capacitors will seek automatically their position of maximum power output. Power is applied to the high-voltage circuits of the d-c plate supply only when the top electrode reaches its final position, and power is disconnected when the top electrode is lifted. A timer circuit starts and ends the period during which power is applied.

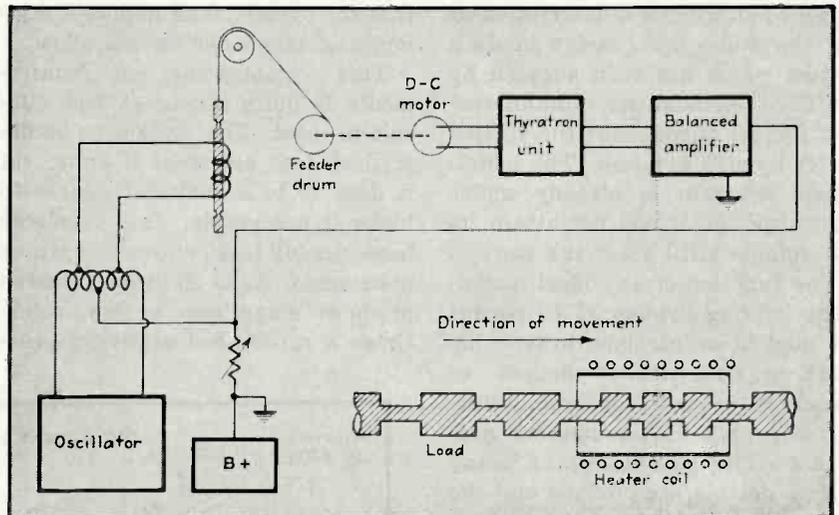


FIG. 7—Schematic diagram of electronic heating unit provided with continuous rematching equipment for heating to a constant surface temperature a moving charge of non-uniform cross-section as shown at the lower right

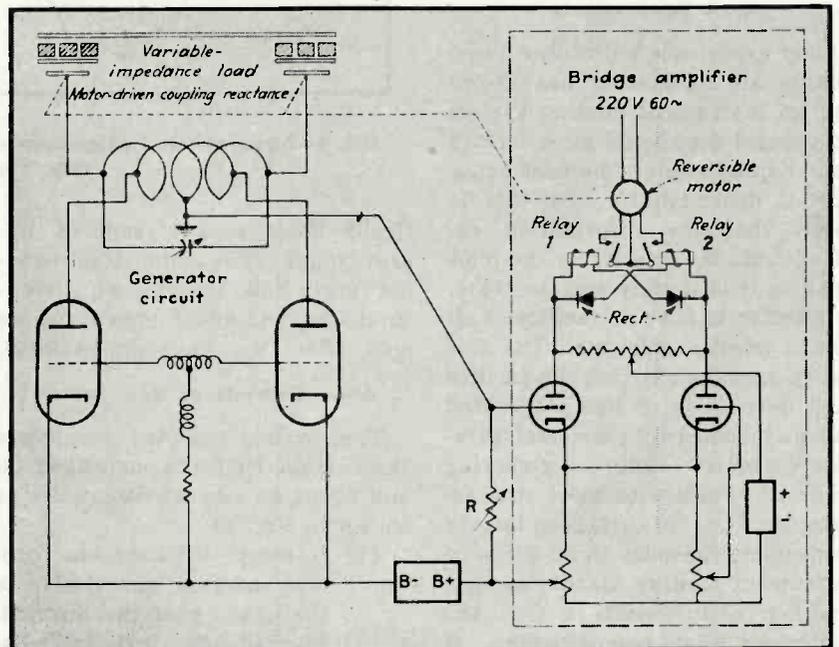


FIG. 8—Simplified schematic diagram of dielectric heating generator provided with automatic and continuous readjustment of matching between the load and the generator tank circuit

# The CAA Instrument Landing System . . .

First complete technical details of blind landing system officially adopted for civil aviation in U. S. Installation program is under way and will be accelerated after the war. Part I covers theoretical aspects and runway localizer circuits

**T**HE following is a description of the radio instrument landing system which has been adopted by the Civil Aeronautics Administration for use throughout the United States by civil aviation. The installation program is already under way, although it will not attain its full volume until after the war.

The function of any ideal instrument landing system is to permit the pilot of an airplane to land his craft safely without benefit of visual contact with the ground during any part of the landing procedure. The advantages of being able to do this are obvious and the problem has long been recognized. Many and varied solutions have been proposed but all are based on the use of radio in some form.

## Basic Requirements

Long experience with other radio aids to air navigation has shown that an instrument landing system for general use should meet certain basic requirements—the first being that of dependability. By this is meant that the information received from the facility by the pilot must be trustworthy and accurate. It is better to have no facility at all than a questionable one. The second requirement is that the facility shall be capable of being operated and maintained by personnel without extensive radio engineering training. Failure to meet this requirement has, in fact, been largely responsible for delay in adoption of instrument landing by this agency. Another requirement is that the equipment shall comprise few, if any, parts not easily available or manufacturable. The fourth, and by no means the least important, is

that the system shall impose a minimum of new work on the pilot.

This combination of requirements is quite stringent and difficult to meet. The system to be described does not meet it fully, yet it does so to a sufficient degree to make it acceptable. Improvements have already been, and will continue to be made. As in all fields, research produces sometimes a slow, sometimes a rapid—but always a prac-

The first of these radiates signals which overlap and produce an equi-signal zone (or course) aligned with the axis of the runway. A zero-center differential indicating instrument in the cockpit will indicate zero as long as the airplane is in this zone, and will have deflections to the right or left as the craft departs from on-course. The runway localizer operates in the frequency band from 108 Mc to 111 Mc.

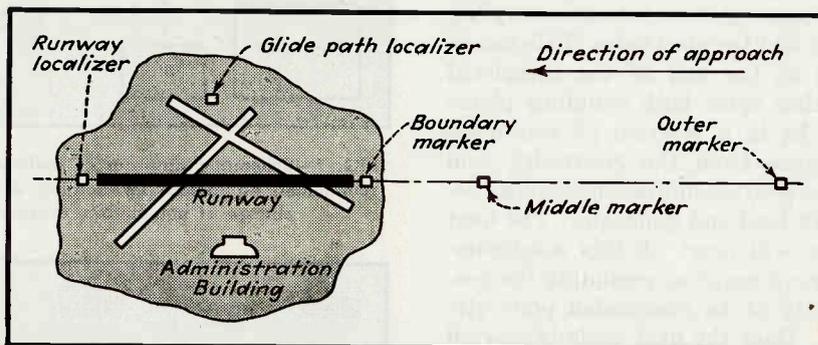


FIG. 1—Arrangement of components of CAA instrument landing system on and near a typical airport

tically continuous stream of improvements. The commercial product must follow research discontinuously, and adopt improvements only after they have accumulated.

## Main Elements of New System

The system adopted comprises three main elements, arranged on and about an airport essentially as shown in Fig. 1:

- (1) Runway localizer—to provide information relative to the heading of the aircraft.
- (2) Markers—to indicate distance from point of contact.
- (3) Glide path localizer—to provide indication of altitude.

The second element comprises two (sometimes three) low-powered transmitters located at specified distances from the point of contact, along the extended axis of the runway, and radiating sharply vertical patterns. Each of these transmitters operates a different colored light in the airplane to permit the pilot to identify the marker being received. All markers operate at 75 Mc.

## Equi-Signal Glide Path

The third element has only recently been developed to a satisfactory stage and is not yet being installed. It will therefore not be de-

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scribed in this paper, except by stating that it, too, radiates two overlapping signals to produce an equi-signal zone or on-course. The equi-signal surface is a vertical circular cone with the apex on the antenna. The station is located to one side of the runway so that the vertical plane through the localizer course cuts the cone parallel to but not through the axis. The intersection of the plane and the cone is thus a hyperbola. If the pilot were to follow both the glide path course and the localizer course, he would actually be traveling along a portion of this hyperbola. His position in space would thus be absolutely determined at all times during his descent, and by properly controlling the position and shape of the hyperbola, the aircraft could be brought to a complete landing without necessity of seeing the ground. Actually, the radiated patterns can be modified so that the surface of intersection is not exactly a right circular cone, but is such as to result in a more or less straight line glide path. It is anticipated that this equipment will operate at a frequency in the vicinity of 300 Mc.

An equi-signal glide path of this type was experimentally set up by Messrs. D. M. Stuart and J. C. Hromada at the Indianapolis Experimental Station of the CAA in 1938. The results were completely successful and tests, including flight tests, showed the system to be a practical one. For a number of reasons, not all technical, it was necessary to abandon this project, and constant-intensity glide path was then evolved which required the aircraft to follow a path of constant signal intensity. While the



Checking adjustment of loop antenna system for runway localizer of newly-adopted CAA radio instrument landing system

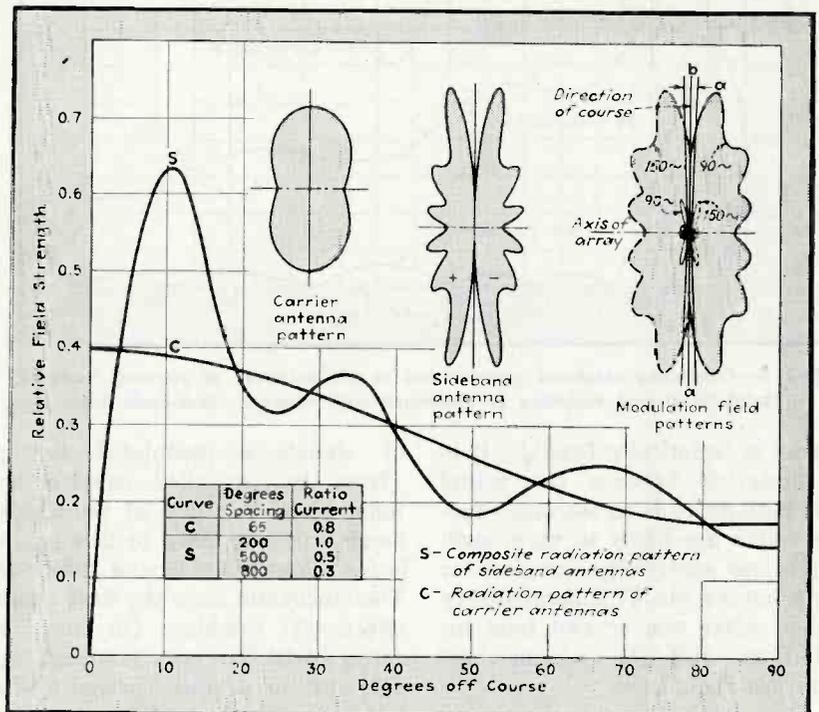


FIG. 2—Radiation patterns of the sideband and carrier antennas, plotted in both rectangular and polar coordinates

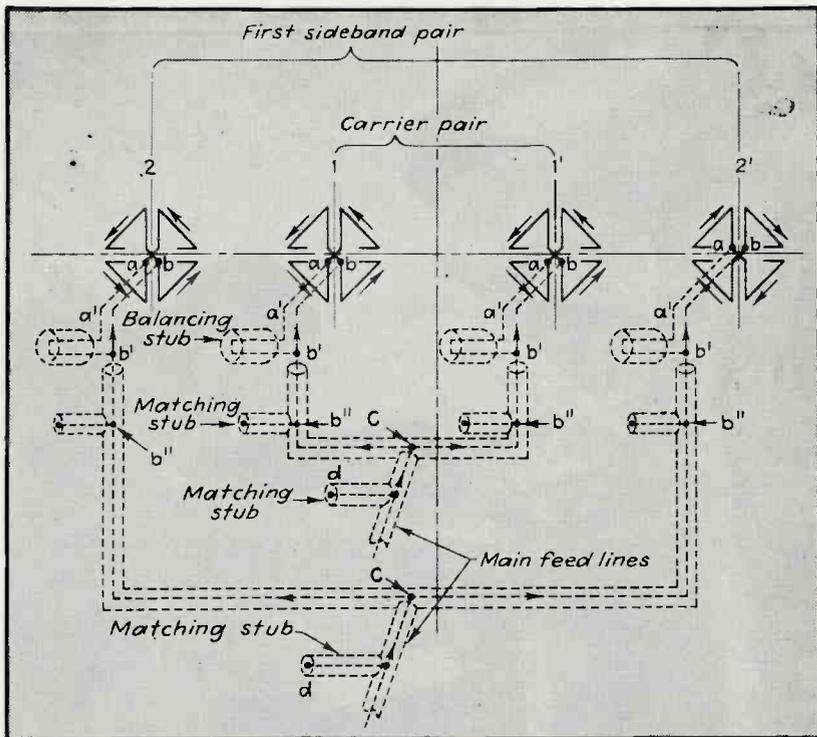


FIG. 3—Schematic diagram showing general arrangement of the first two pairs of antenna circuits associated with the runway localizer

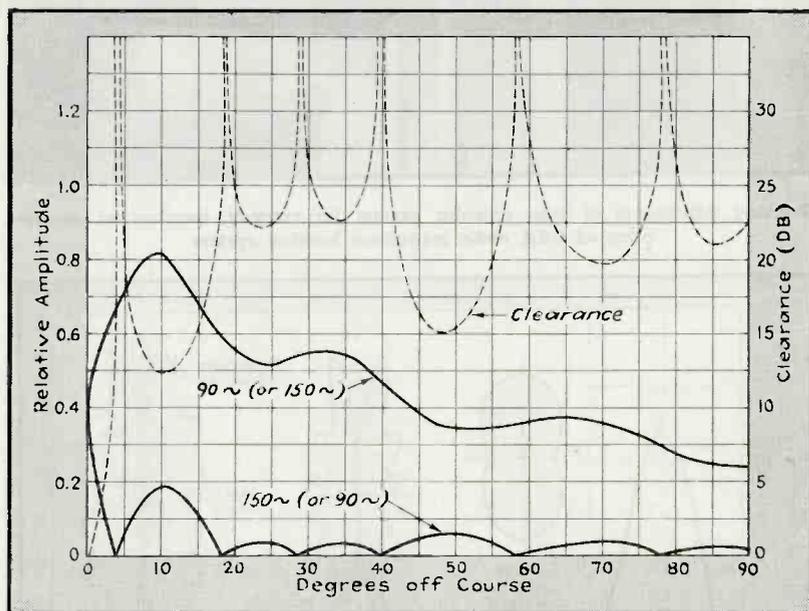


FIG. 4—Composite sideband pattern due to all radiators of runway localizer (solid lines) and variation of clearance with azimuth (dash-dash lines)

scheme is technically feasible, it is not practical because the actual glide path depends on too many factors which are likely to vary, such as receiver sensitivity, transmitter power output, etc. This became very evident after one or two trial installations and the scheme was therefore abandoned.

#### Theory of Runway Localizer

The localizer radiates two types

of signals—a modulated carrier (from the so-called carrier antenna) and a group of pure sidebands corresponding to this modulation (from the sideband antenna). The sidebands from the first signal effectively combine (in the receiver) with the pure sideband signals and the overall received modulation is due to both components. The space pattern of the modulation can be controlled by means of

both antennas, and this is done so as to produce two different patterns for the 90-cps and 150-cps modulation frequencies.

The radiation patterns are made highly directive, with the maximum approximately ten degrees from the course as shown in Fig. 2. The purpose of this is to maintain as much signal near the course as possible and at the same time minimize the off-course signal that might reach buildings or other structures and be reflected therefrom. Such reflections often are strong enough to affect the patterns and cause so-called multiple-course indications, and course-bends. The pattern of the carrier (about 110 Mc) is in fact much less directional, as it should be, since it is desired that the avc in the aircraft receiver be operative regardless of bearing with respect to the transmitter.

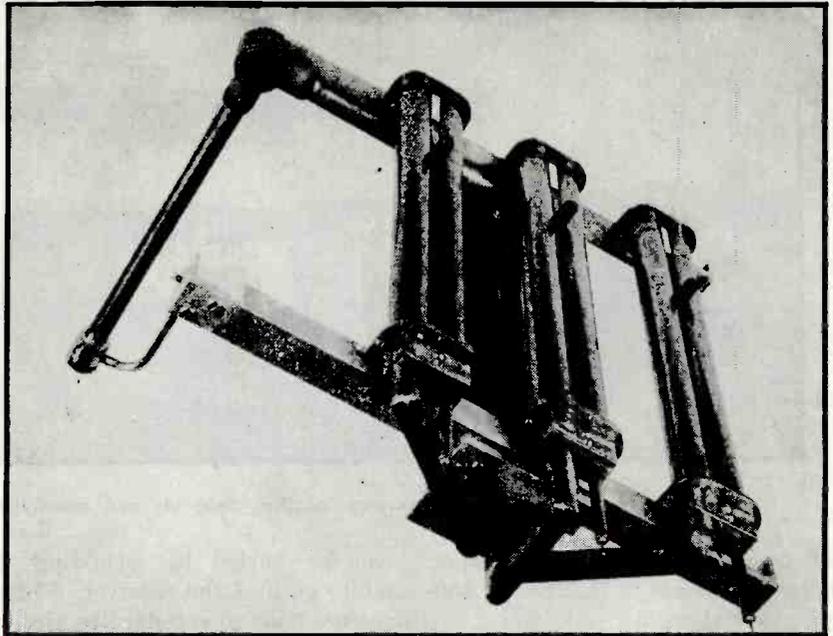
To obtain the desired radiation pattern, a linear array of radiators is arranged with the axis perpendicular to, and the center on the axis of the runway. The array is arranged in pairs, each symmetrical about the center. The radiators are vertical magnetic doublets (horizontal current loops) with patterns circular in the horizontal plane. The center pair, henceforth called carrier pair, is operated in phase with each other and fed with normally modulated carrier. The resulting radiation then contains the carrier frequency and all of the associated sidebands. Each of these sidebands will, of course, have the same space pattern as the carrier (due to the negligible difference in frequency between carrier pairs and sideband pairs).

As is well known, the electric field resulting from such a doublet has no components except in a plane at right angles to the axis of the doublet. In this case, the field is therefore purely horizontal which is of some practical advantage. For example, vertical metallic supports, lines, conduits, etc., inevitable in an actual installation, do not absorb any energy and therefore do not observably distort the radiated pattern. Furthermore, the coefficient of reflection from large surfaces is slightly less for horizontally polarized waves—particularly if the angle of incidence approaches the value of Brewster's angle (which

in this case is of the order of  $6.5^\circ$ ). On the other hand, a number of comparative tests of vertical as well as horizontal arrays has failed to demonstrate unequivocally the superiority of one or the other type of polarization. In view of this and of the definite advantages of vertical arrays in simplicity and economy, the latter have not been summarily dismissed from future consideration.

The elements of each of the other pairs (hereafter called sideband pairs) are operated 180 degrees out of phase and all elements on one side of the center are in phase with each other. All the sideband pairs are, furthermore, fed in quadrature with the carrier pair. Feed arrangements for the carrier pair and the first sideband pair are shown in Fig. 3.

Since a further rotation of 90 degrees is inherent in the radiation from the sideband pairs (see Appendix I), the resultant pattern will be in phase (or 180 degrees out of phase) with that radiated by the carrier pair. The pattern for three sideband pairs (the usual number in a typical installation) is shown in Fig. 2. There are only two lobes, of opposite phase, and with nulls along the direction of the course. It is to be noted that the phase in



Quarter-wave transmission line transformers used as phasing controls to place all sideband antenna pairs in phase with each other and in quadrature with the carrier antenna pair of the runway localizer system

the pattern is independent of azimuth except for the two reversals at the nulls.

The pattern from the carrier pair is likewise of constant phase. The resultant pattern due to a combination of the two therefore is merely the algebraic sum. With the proper choice of current ratios, the resultant can be placed almost

wholly on one side of the course line with little or no radiation on the other side, and the side of maximum radiation is that in which the sideband lobe is in phase with the pattern from the carrier pair. To produce the modulation field patterns of Fig. 2, the right-hand sideband lobe is arranged to be in phase with the carrier pattern in

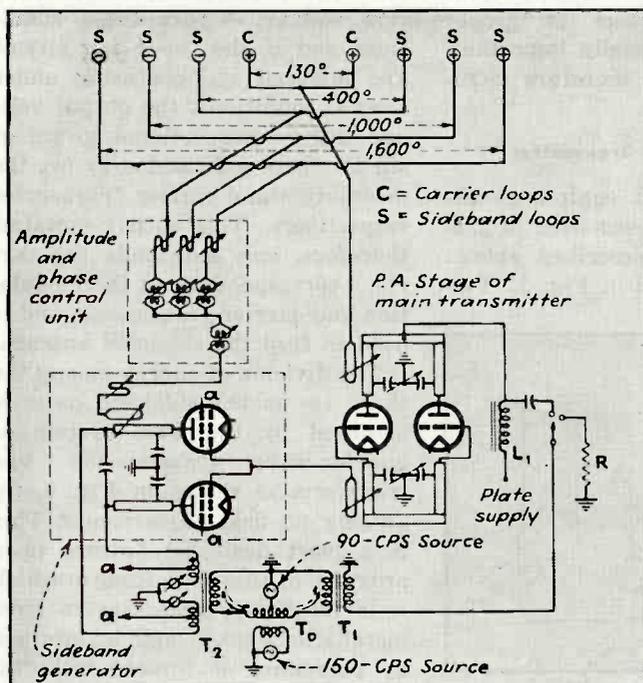


FIG. 5—Output and antenna circuits of runway localizer. Main transmitter feeds only carrier loop, with other loops being fed by the sideband generator

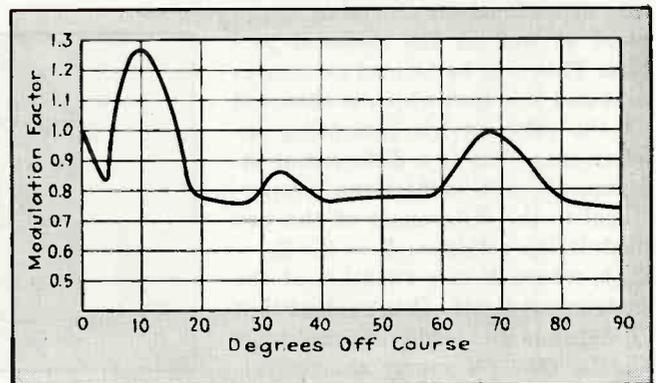
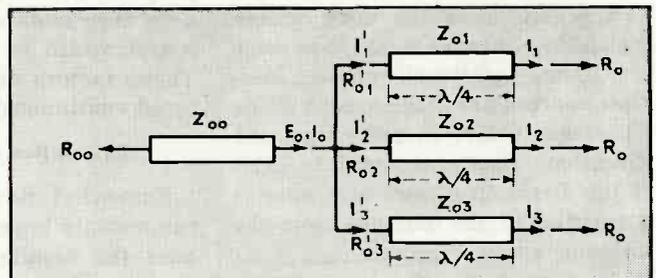
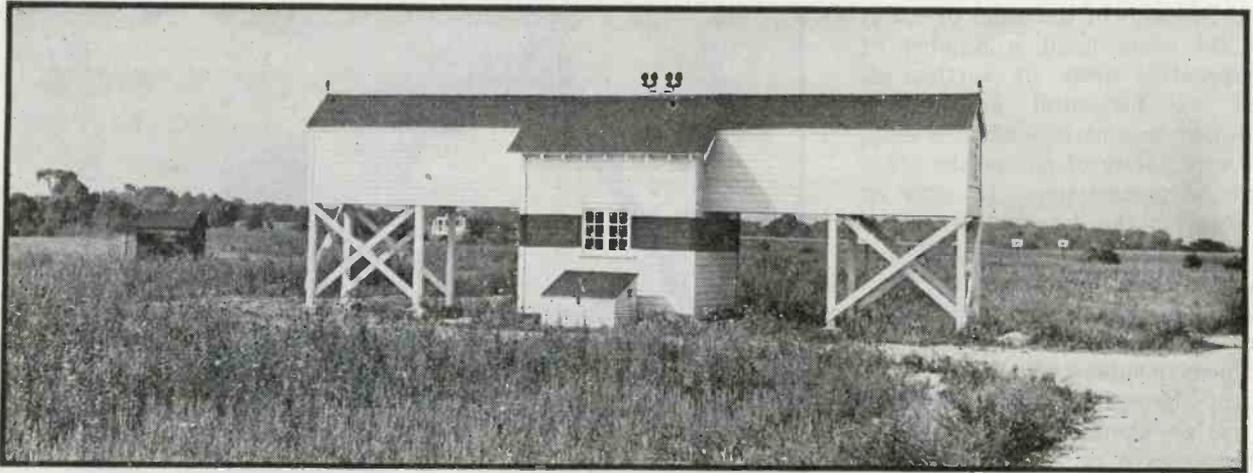


FIG. 6 (above)—Phase control unit serving the antenna system

FIG. 7—Variation of modulation factor of runway localizer



Building housing runway localizer antennas and associated transmitter equipment

the case of the 90-cps modulation, and out of phase in the case of 150-cps modulation.

#### Course Clearance and Sharpness

There are several characteristics of these patterns which are important in the operation of the localizer. Figure 4 represents, in rectangular coordinates, one quadrant of the modulation field patterns shown in polar form in Fig. 2. The ratio of amplitudes of the two modulation frequencies in any direction (in decibels) is defined as clearance. The clearance in a direction  $1\frac{1}{2}$  degrees off course is defined as r-f course sharpness. Along the course, the clearance is obviously zero. Course width is the zone within which the clearance is less than some maximum—arbitrarily chosen. Multiple courses are said to exist if the clearance is zero in more than one direction. Bends are said to exist if the direction of zero clearance is a function of the distance from the antenna array.

Another form of course sharpness depends on the receiving equipment as well as the radiated pattern. This may be termed a-f sharpness and it is that which is observed by the pilot on his indicating instrument. This is a differential instrument with deflections proportional to the differences of the two modulation voltages:  $D = K (C_{90} - C_{150})$ , where  $K$  is a function of the instrument itself. It is evident that  $D$  depends not only on the ratio  $C_{90}/C_{150}$  (the r-f course sharpness), but also on the absolute values of these voltages, so that the deflection for a given value of  $C_{90}/C_{150}$

can be varied by adjusting the audio gain of the receiver. This is in fact done to standardize aircraft equipment.

The discussion is devoted mainly to clearance since this is a characteristic of the transmitting system only, and not of the receiving system also, as a-f sharpness is. (Actually, the observed clearance is also a function of the surrounding terrain.)

In operation, it is important that the clearance in all directions (except on course) be adequate so as to produce no multiples nor even the impression that a course is being approached. The importance of proper course alignment is obvious and the maintenance of proper course width is equally important. These factors are therefore monitored continuously.

#### Description of Transmitter

Somewhat novel equipment arrangements have been used to produce the results described above; these are indicated in Fig. 5. Two

main sources of r-f power feed the antenna array, one supplying modulated carrier to the carrier pair of loops (c) and one supplying pure sideband energy to the sideband pairs (s).

Modulated carrier power is obtained from the output tank of a 200-watt transmitter and carried directly to the antenna by means of 70-ohm coaxial line. The transmitter is crystal-controlled and the power amplifier stage is plate-modulated by the 90-cps and 150-cps signals from the motor-alternator unit. Pure carrier from the grid circuit of this amplifier is used to excite a sideband generator, the plate circuit of which is fed by the modulation voltage. Under these conditions and if the tubes and circuit are balanced and operating under class C conditions, the output voltage will be proportional to  $\sin qt \sin \omega t$  where  $q/2\pi$  and  $\omega/2\pi$  are the modulation and carrier frequencies respectively. This output contains, therefore, only sidebands (no carrier) corresponding to the modulation and carrier frequencies, and is used to feed the sideband antenna.

The division of energy among the three (or more) sideband pairs is achieved by the fixed system of quarter-wave transmission line transformers shown in Fig. 6, requiring no field adjustments. This is a most desirable feature in a program of this magnitude in which it is frequently necessary to have installations made and maintained by personnel of limited technical qualifications. The loads ( $R_0$ ) are all equal to each other and are essentially 70 ohms resistive.

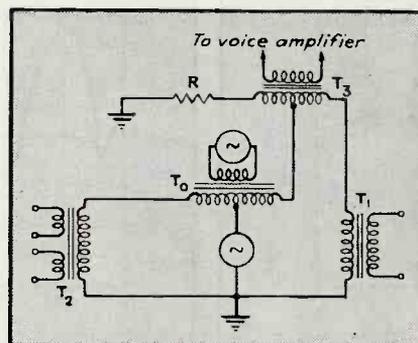


FIG. 8—Hybrid unit used with voice channel to give verbal instructions to incoming pilots over runway localizer radio system

The desired current ratio is  $I_1:I_2:I_3 = 1:0.5:0.3$ , hence the desired power ratio is  $P_1:P_2:P_3 = 1:0.25:0.09$ . The power input to each transformer section being  $E_0^2/R'_0$ , it follows that  $(1/R'_0): (1/R'_0): (1/R'_0) = 1:0.25:0.09$ , and since  $Z_{01} = R_0R'_0$ , etc., the characteristic admittances have the same relative values as the currents. The impedance  $Z_{00}$  is selected to match the parallel impedances of the three sections to the source  $R_{00}$ . The value of  $Z_{01}$  is chosen to result in practical dimensions for the various conductors and for this reason is different from  $R_0$ .

#### Audio Hybrid Circuit

The phasing, which determines on which side of the course the main lobe of each modulation pattern occurs, is accomplished in a special audio hybrid circuit. Referring to Fig. 5, the 90-cps source and the 150-cps source are connected into a balanced center-tapped transformer. The center-tapped winding is loaded symmetrically by the sideband generator plate circuit and the main transmitter p.a. plate circuit. Under these conditions, the 90-cps components in these loads are in phase with each other, and the 150-cps components are out of phase.

This same relationship (or the reverse, depending on the polarities of the coupling transformers) persists up to and including the antenna array, thus producing modulation field patterns similar to that in Fig. 2. In order that these phase relationships be obtained, it is necessary that the loads presented by the two coupling transformers,  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , be purely resistive and equal. If they are not purely resistive, it is likely that they will not have the same phase angle and usually their reactance will differ for the two modulation frequencies. This disturbs the desired phase relations and results in interaction between the two audio-frequency sources by virtue of the unbalance in transformer  $T_0$ .

In the actual equipment, the phase angles of the loads presented by  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are of the order of two or three degrees. The value of this phase angle is affected chiefly by the self inductances of the various

transformer windings (and the inductor  $L_1$ ), which are several hundred henrys or more (although, due to the magnitudes involved, the leakage reactance may become important without the necessary precautions)\*.

#### Modulation Percentage

The 200-watt carrier is modulated 100 percent on course, assuming no voice channel; with voice on the same carrier, the 90 and 150-cps modulation would be correspondingly less. With peak modulation by both 90 cps and 150 cps, each of these frequencies modulates the carrier only 50 percent. A useful modulating power of 25 watts at each frequency is, therefore, re-

ator must furnish about 100 watts.

With 100 percent modulation on course (where the contribution from the side-band loops is zero), the modulation off course will in general differ from 100 percent and will vary with azimuth due to the radiation pattern of the array. It might offhand appear that if the carrier is itself modulated 100 percent, the superposition of radiation from the sideband loops would result in overmodulation everywhere except on course. This is not the case. Radiation from the sideband loops adds to the carrier modulation for one of the modulation frequencies, but subtracts for the other, so that the net result can be, and for most values of azimuth is

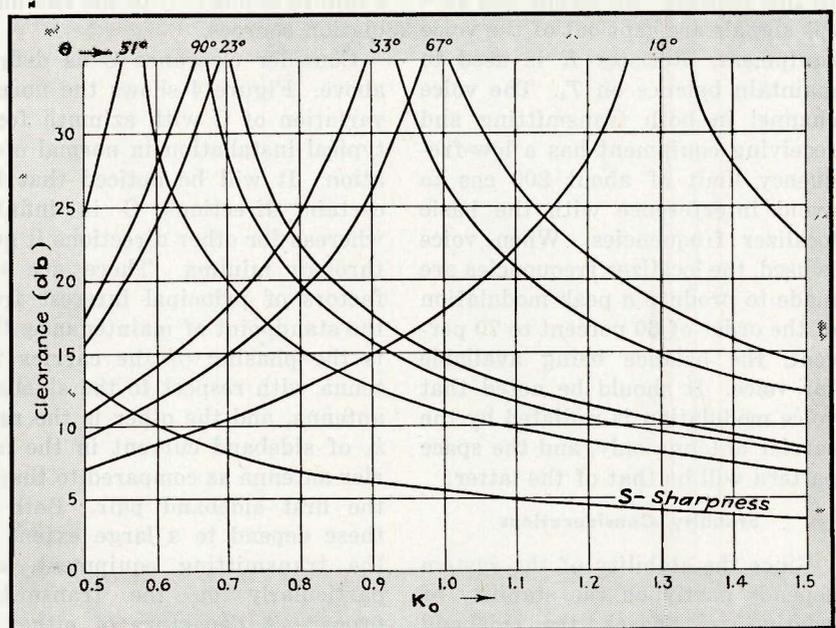


FIG. 9—Variation of clearance with sideband current in carrier loops

quired. With a plate efficiency of the order of 50 percent in the p.a., the actual power required is more nearly 50 watts, and considering further that a like amount is required by the sideband generator (actually somewhat more due to the lower efficiency of the latter), it can be seen that each modulation gener-

\*It is easy to show that if the secondary of a transformer is loaded by a resistive load  $R$ , and if the self-reactance of the secondary winding is  $X = kR$ , then the impedance looking into the primary will have a phase angle equal to  $\tan^{-1}(1/k)$ , assuming no leakage reactance. For this angle to be three degrees for  $R = 10,000$  ohms,  $X$  must be at least 190,000 ohms, which requires the self-inductance (at 90 cps) to be 340 henrys. On the other hand, such large inductances introduce the problem of leakage reactance. If the reflected impedance is of the order of 1,000 ohms, then the leakage reactance cannot exceed about 50 ohms (or roughly 0.1 henry).

less than 100 percent modulation (see Fig. 7). It is evident that overmodulation does not occur except between 5 deg and 15 deg off-course, and the maximum is only 128 percent.

#### Insertion of Voice Channel

It is sometimes desirable to be able to operate a voice channel on the localizer to permit phone contacts with a pilot prior to or during an actual approach. This is easily done, the insertion of the voice modulation being made in the hybrid circuit consisting of transformers  $T_0$ ,  $T_1$ , and  $T_2$  (Fig. 5). Voice signals are introduced by a third

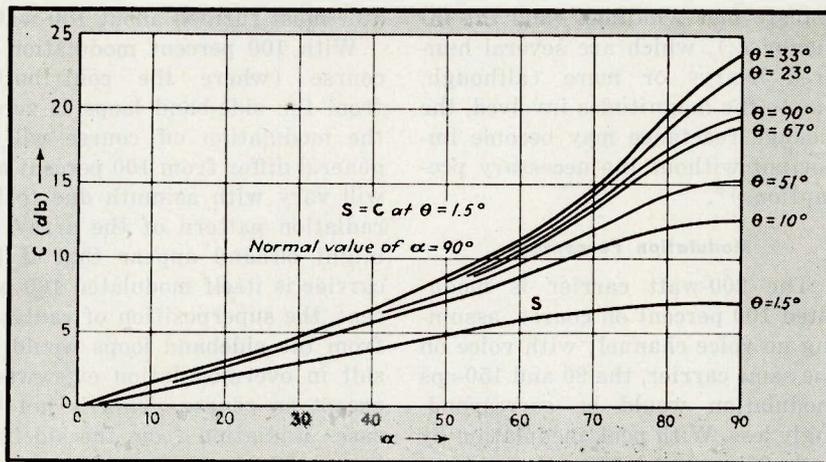


FIG. 10—Variation of clearance with phase of carrier loop current

transformer ( $T_s$  in Fig. 8) also having a center-tapped secondary forming a second balanced circuit. In this manner, the 90-cps and 150-cps signals are kept out of the voice equipment. Resistor  $R$  is used to maintain balance on  $T_s$ . The voice channel in both transmitting and receiving equipment has a low-frequency limit of about 200 cps to avoid interference with the basic localizer frequencies. When voice is used, the localizer frequencies are made to produce a peak modulation of the order of 60 percent to 70 percent, the balance being available for voice. It should be noted that voice modulation is radiated by the carrier antenna only, and the space pattern will be that of the latter.

#### Stability Considerations

Since the stability of the system depends partly on the stability of relative r-f phases, the sideband generator is driven, as stated, directly from the unmodulated grid tank of the transmitter power amplifier. All r-f energy is carried over coaxial copper lines with air dielectric, and the lines to the antenna array are filled with dry air under low pressure to prevent breathing of moisture. An experimental installation utilizing solid-dielectric cables throughout has been made. If satisfactory, these cables would evidently be preferable to air dielectric lines.

The system is inherently quite stable for any reasonable variation in the several parameters. The alignment of the course is not affected by any change except one which in some way modifies the symmetry of the patterns about

the direction of the course. This might result from mechanical injury to one side of the array, or to a failure of one only of the two modulation sources.

Consider clearance  $C$  as defined above. Figure 4 shows the normal variation of  $C$  with azimuth for a typical installation in normal operation. It will be noticed that for certain directions  $C$  is infinite, whereas for other directions it goes through minima. There are two factors of principal interest from the standpoint of maintenance. One is the phasing of the carrier antenna with respect to the sideband antenna, and the other is the ratio  $k_0$  of sideband current in the carrier antenna as compared to that in the first sideband pair. Both of these depend to a large extent on the transmitting equipment, and particularly on the transmitter proper. A departure of either of these factors (but not both) from normal will affect the values of minimum clearance, but not the position of these minima relative to the course (see Appendix I).

Figure 9 shows the variation of minimum clearance values with variation of  $k_0$  for  $\alpha = \pi/2$ , and Fig. 10 shows the corresponding variation with  $\alpha$  for the normal value of  $k_0$ . (The curves marked  $S$  represent course sharpness, or clearance at  $\theta = 1.52$ .) A departure of either  $\alpha$  or  $k_0$  from normal reduces the value of one or more of the clearance minima, yet a change in  $k_0$  by 40 percent or a change in  $\alpha$  of 45 degrees results in clearances not smaller than 6 db. Both of these minima are adequate for proper operation provided the

aircraft receiver has sufficient audio gain. Figure 11 shows corresponding effects for changes in the current of the third (outermost) sideband pair.

A pertinent question commonly raised concerns the effect of unbalance in the sideband generator, resulting for example from the failure of one of the tubes. The most evident effect is to introduce carrier into the sideband loops, and the consequent radiation will merely distort somewhat the overall carrier space pattern. Another effect is to reduce the sideband output, which amounts to increasing the value of  $k_0$  in Fig. 9. However, even if one of the tubes fails completely, this effectively increases  $k_0$  by a factor of about 2; Fig. 9 shows the relatively small effect of this on clearance and sharpness. There is no need for using matched tubes.

To insure the maximum possible stability of the system, the equipment is itself designed to be stable within very close tolerances over a wide range of ambient and service conditions, as is done with all equipment used in CAA facilities.

#### Monitoring the Runway Localizer

The above study of the operational changes to be expected when different parameters vary has pointed the way to the method of monitoring the localizer. The question of monitoring the localizer (as well as the other parts of the system) is naturally important since the equipment is unattended in all installations.

The first and obvious concern is with the proper alignment of the course. In the first installations a field detector was placed 150 feet from the antenna, directly on either the front or back course. The position of the course is, however, relatively stable and independent of some of the more likely malfunctions of equipment such as detuning of transmitter p.a. or sideband generator. On the other hand, such variables do affect the clearance off course, and a receiver located on course would not reveal these changes.

It is important to have ample clearance off-course to avoid serious confusion to a pilot. A receiver is therefore located about 50 de-

grees off course to permit monitoring this clearance, the one on course being used to monitor course alignment and signal level. The signal from the clearance monitor is fed through a transmission line (Fig. 12) to the control tower where it operates a visual indicator as well as alarm and recording circuits. The course monitor is arranged so that if the course moved beyond a predetermined limit, or if the level changes more than a preset amount, its output operates to open the line carrying the clearance signal and thereby causes various alarm and other circuits to function at the control tower. Lines from the marker stations carry corresponding signals which also operate the recorder and alarm functions as well as visual indicators. Since these signals are all at different audio frequencies they are easily separated, where necessary, by appropriate filters.

#### Tune-Up Procedure

The system has been designed with consideration for the limited technical training of installation and maintenance personnel. One feature which contributes materially to simplifying the tune-up process is the possibility of radiat-

ing simultaneously unmodulated carrier from the carrier pair and sidebands from the sideband pairs. This can be done as shown in Fig. 5 by loading the modulation transformer in the transmitter with a dummy load in lieu of the p.a. plate circuit. The only modulation on the carrier is then that due to radiation from the sideband loops. The latter can be phased correctly by adjusting the phaser to each sideband pair until the audio signal on the output of the clearance monitor is a maximum (see Appendix I). This process is a matter of a few minutes. In earlier systems making use of mechanical modulation it was impossible to radiate pure carrier simultaneously with pure sidebands, and the phasing process involved lengthy field observations of patterns, requiring from a few days to a few weeks.

Likewise, the ratio of sideband current in the carrier loops, to the sideband current in the sideband loops (the quantity  $k_0$ ) is readily adjusted by comparing (by field measurements at one position) the modulation due to radiation from the sideband loops with the modulation from the transmitter. The latter reading is obtained with no radiation from the sideband loops.

The remainder of this two-part article, to appear in the next issue, describes the runway localizer equipment in considerable detail and takes up the various topographical factors affecting the location of the equipment at an airport.

#### APPENDIX I

For the array used, and if the loop currents are  $k_n \cos \omega t$ , the space pattern for the sidebands of one modulation frequency is given by

$$p = K (p_1^2 + p_2^2)^{1/2} \cos (\omega t + \psi) \quad (1)$$

where

$$p_1 \equiv k_0 \cos \alpha \cos \beta_0$$

$$p_2 \equiv k_0 \sin \alpha \cos \beta_0 + \alpha$$

$$\alpha \equiv \sin \beta_1 + k_2 \sin \beta_2 + k_3 \sin \beta_3$$

$$\beta_0 \equiv \delta_0 \sin \theta, \beta_1 \equiv \delta_1 \sin \theta, \text{ etc.}$$

$\delta_0, \delta_1, \dots \equiv$  electrical spacing of loops from center of array

$\theta \equiv$  azimuth measured from perpendicular bisector of array.

$k_0, k_2, \dots \equiv$  relative amplitudes of radiator currents referred to the current in the first sideband pair.

$$\psi \equiv \tan^{-1} (p_2/p_1)$$

$\alpha \equiv$  phase of carrier loops relative to sideband loops.

It follows from Eq. (1) that the radiation from the sideband loops is in quadrature with the loop currents. This may be seen by eliminating the terms due to the carrier pair (i.e.,  $p_1 = 0, p_2 = \alpha$ ). This im-

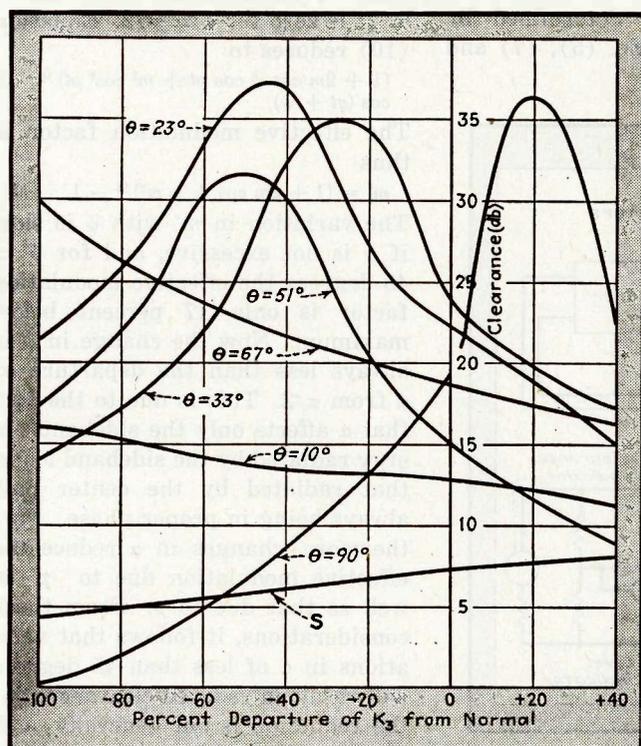
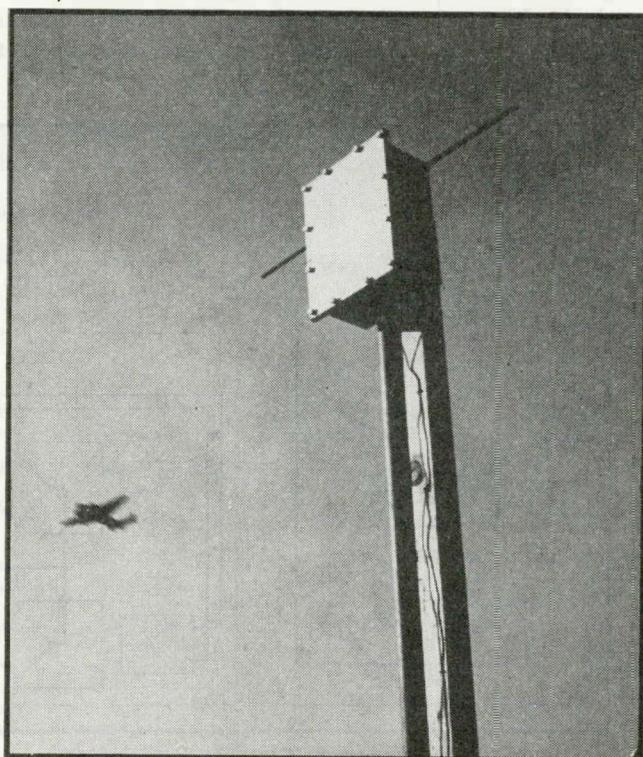


FIG. 11—Variation of clearance with current in outer pair



Localizer field monitor used to detect failure of on-course pattern

mediately results in  $\psi = \tan^{-1} \infty = \pi/2$ . On the other hand, the radiation from the carrier pair is in phase with the loop current since if  $\alpha = 0$ , then  $\psi$  is equal to  $\alpha$ , the original phase of the carrier loop currents. For optimum addition of radiation from these two portions of the array the sideband loops must be fed in quadrature with respect to the carrier loops, i.e.,  $\alpha = \pi/2$ . This optimum phasing may also be deduced by considering the magnitude of  $p$  from Eq. (1). This may be written  $|p| = K (k_0^2 \cos^2 \beta_0 + a^2 + 2ak_0 \sin \alpha \cos \beta_0)^{1/2}$  which is obviously maximum when  $\alpha = \pi/2$  ( $a$ ,  $k_0$  and  $\cos \beta_0$  being positive).

In any direction  $\theta$ , the sideband signal due to one modulation frequency will be as given above by Eq. (1), while that due to the other modulation frequency will be

$$p' = K (p_1^2 + p_2^2)^{1/2} \cos(\omega t + \psi') \quad (3)$$

where

$$p_2 \equiv k_0 \sin \alpha \cos \beta_0 - a$$

and

$$\psi' \equiv \tan^{-1} (p_2/p_1) \quad (4)$$

The clearance, as defined previously, will then be

$$C = 20 \log (p/p') \quad (5)$$

and the sharpness  $S$  will be the value of  $C$  at  $\theta = 1.5^\circ$ . On course ( $\theta = 0$ ),  $p = p'$  and  $C = 0$ . As  $\theta$  departs from 0,  $C$  increases rapidly and should, preferably, remain as large as possible. Actually, it in-

creases and decreases for different values of  $\theta$ , and there will be some direction, or directions, in which it will have a minimum value (not less than 10 db, however). If, for any reason, the values of  $k$  or  $\alpha$  vary, this minimum value of  $C$  will vary also, though not the positions at which the minima occur. This may be seen by considering the ratio  $p/p'$  on which  $C$  depends:

$$R \equiv (p/p')^2 = \frac{k_0^2 \cos^2 \beta_0 + a^2 + 2ak_0 \sin \alpha \cos \beta_0}{k_0^2 \cos^2 \beta_0 + a^2 - 2ak_0 \sin \alpha \cos \beta_0} \quad (6)$$

Without further manipulation, it is evident from Eq. (6) that for any value of  $\theta$ ,  $R$  approaches unity (and hence the clearance  $C$  approaches zero) as  $\alpha$  departs from the value  $\pi/2$ . At the extreme value  $\alpha = 0$ , the clearance is zero in all directions. Evidently, also, if  $C > 0$  for  $\alpha = \pi/2$ , it will remain greater than zero for all values of  $\alpha$  except  $\alpha = 0$ .

It may also be seen from Eq. (6) that the values of  $\theta$  where  $C$  has minima remain unchanged though the values of the minima decrease as  $\alpha$  departs from  $\pi/2$ . By rewriting  $R$  as

$$R = \frac{g^2 + 2g \sin \alpha + 1}{g^2 - 2g \sin \alpha + 1} \quad (7)$$

it follows that

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial \theta} = \frac{4 \sin \alpha (1 - 2g^2)}{(g^2 - 2g \sin \alpha + 1)^2} \frac{\partial g}{\partial \theta} \quad (8)$$

The values of  $\theta$  where  $C$  has minima (or maxima) are determined by  $\partial C / \partial \theta = 0$ ; from Eq. (5), (7) and

(9) this reduces to  $(1 - 2g^2) \partial g / \partial \theta = 0$ , which is independent of  $\alpha$ .

It is likewise easy to show from Eq. (6) that the positions (but not the values) of minima for  $C$  are independent of  $k_0$  provided  $\alpha = \pi/2$ . This is not true for other values of  $\alpha$ . Figure 9 shows the variation of the values of these minima with  $k_0$ , for  $\alpha = \pi/2$ . Figure 10 shows the variation of these same minima with  $\alpha$ , for  $k_0 = 0.8$  (its normal value).

In considering Fig. 9 and 10, it should be remembered that they refer to the clearance  $C$  as defined by Eq. (5). This clearance so defined depends only on the ratio  $p/p'$  and these are merely the amplitudes of the resultant radiated sidebands. The modulation factors at the two audio frequencies do not necessarily have this same ratio except for  $\alpha = \pi/2$ , in which case the sidebands are in the proper phase with respect to the carrier for all values of  $\theta$ . When  $\alpha \neq \pi/2$  this is no longer the case.

For  $\alpha = \pi/2$ , the radiated carrier and sidebands are

$$\cos qt + m \cos pt \cos qt \quad (9)$$

When  $\alpha \neq \pi/2$ , the sidebands are no longer in phase with the carrier, so to speak, and the expression may be written

$$\cos (qt + \psi) + m (\theta) \cos pt \cos qt \quad (10)$$

where  $\psi$  is the phase shift due to  $\alpha$ . It is zero for  $\alpha = \pi/2$ . Equation (10) reduces to

$$(1 + 2m \cos \psi \cos pt + m^2 \cos^2 pt)^{1/4} \cos (qt + \psi)$$

The effective modulation factor is thus

$$m' = (1 + 2m \cos \psi + m^2)^{1/4} - 1 \quad (11)$$

The variation in  $m'$  with  $\psi$  is slow if  $\psi$  is not excessive, and for  $\psi = 45$  degrees the effective modulation factor is only 17 percent below maximum. Now the change in  $\psi$  is always less than the departure of  $\alpha$  from  $\pi/2$ . This is due to the fact that  $\alpha$  affects only the sideband energy radiated by the sideband loops, that radiated by the center pair always being in proper phase. Furthermore, changes in  $\alpha$  reduce the effective modulation due to  $p'$  as well as that due to  $p$ . From these considerations, it follows that variations in  $\alpha$  of less than 45 degrees will result in reduced clearance, but the reduction is not generally such as to produce points of zero clearance, or apparent spurious courses.

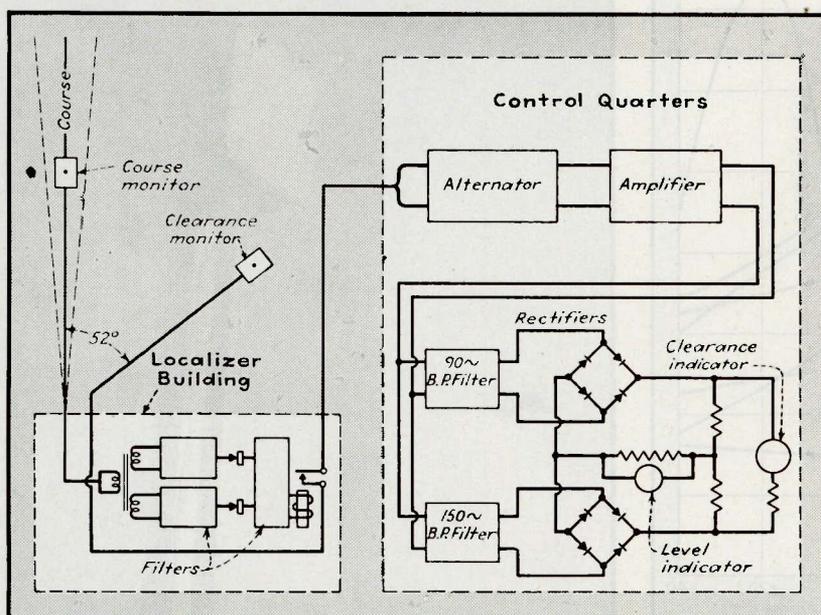


FIG. 12—General arrangement of monitoring equipment with respect to the runway localizer field

# Tubeless Probe for VTVM

R-F circuit loading due to the input admittance of the measuring instrument is reduced by employing a cathode follower in the input circuit of a vacuum-tube voltmeter

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**U**SERS of vacuum-tube voltmeters who have struggled with necessarily bulky vacuum-tube probes in confined spaces will appreciate the value of the arrangement to be described. The circuit is practically as effective as a vacuum-tube probe and has the advantage of permitting the tube to be located some distance away from the circuit under test.

A cathode follower is employed, and is fed through a shielded conductor. The shield is not grounded but is connected directly to the cathode of the tube. The capacitance of the shielded conductor thus is added to the grid-cathode capacitance of the cathode follower, but because of the cathode-follower characteristics this total capacitance does not appear as such at the input terminals. The effective input capacitance at the probe terminals is the total capacitance between grid and cathode multiplied by a reduction factor which by proper design may be 0.01.

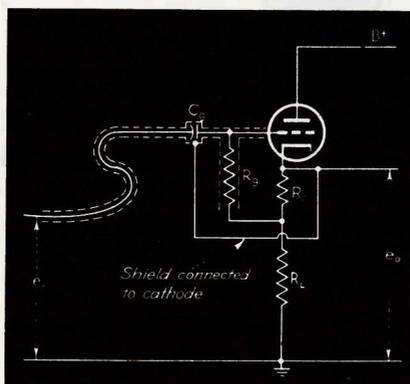
## Circuit Theory

The chief characteristics of the cathode follower are low input capacitance, high input resistance, and low output impedance. These are given as  $C_i = \alpha C_g$ ,  $R_i = R_g/\alpha$ ,  $Z_o = A/G_m$  where  $C_g$  = total effective capacitance between grid and cathode of the tube,  $R_g$  = effective grid-cathode resistance,  $A$  = gain of

the circuit, and  $\alpha = 1 - A = \frac{e_i - e_o}{e_i}$ , a number less than unity.

An analysis of the circuit will show that the gain

$$A = e_o/e_i = \frac{1}{1 + 1/\mu + 1/G_m Z_L}$$



Cathode-follower circuit for use in vtvm to eliminate the tube in the test probe

and the reduction factor  $\alpha = 1 - A = 1/\mu + 1/G_m Z_L$  approximately, if  $\mu$  and  $G_m Z_L$  are large. Large values of  $\mu$  and  $G_m$  thus are desirable in order that  $\alpha$  may be small.

The output impedance of the cathode follower is its cathode-to-ground impedance, and its value from the equivalent circuit is  $A/G_m$ , assuming the source impedance to be small as compared with the actual grid-cathode impedance. This also is the impedance of the shield to ground. The larger the  $G_m$ , therefore, the smaller is this value. Although the shield is not directly grounded, its impedance to ground nevertheless will be low. The effective input resistance, at the probe terminals, is the actual grid-cathode resistance multiplied by the reduction factor  $1/\alpha$ .

## Operating Values

A circuit of this type, which the writer has found useful at frequencies up to several hundred kilocycles, employs a type 6SF5 high- $\mu$  triode operating under the conditions:  $E_p = 100$  v;  $I_p = 0.4$  ma;  $E_g = -1$  v.

With circuit constants as follows:  $E_p = 200$  v;  $C_g = 1000$   $\mu\mu\text{f}$ ;  $R_g = 10$  megohms;  $R_o = 2500$  ohms;  $R_L = 250,000$  ohms.

The published values of  $\mu$  and  $G_m$  for these conditions are respectively 100, and 1150 micromhos, giving a value of  $\alpha = 0.013$ . Hence the two-foot length of 60- $\mu\mu\text{f}$ -per-foot shielded cable used as an input lead should appear as a shunt capacitance of only  $2 \times 60 \times 0.013 = 1.6$   $\mu\mu\text{f}$ . With total grid-cathode resistance of 5 megohms, the apparent shunt input resistance is  $5/0.013 = 380$  megohms.

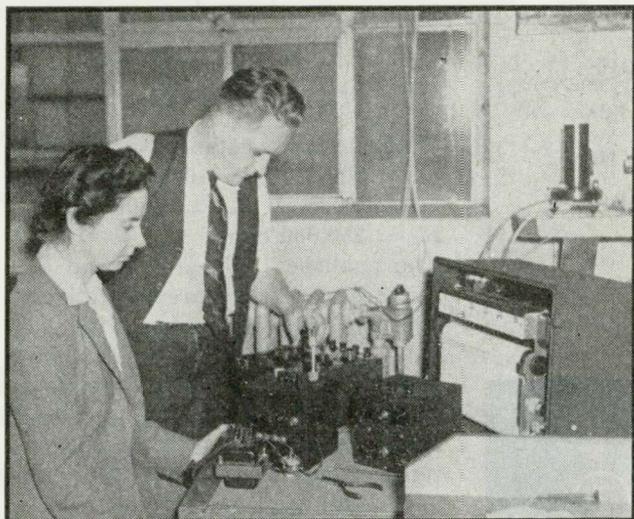
The measured input impedance of this circuit was found to be approximately 5  $\mu\mu\text{f}$  in parallel with 300 megohms at frequencies from 1 cps to 500,000 cps, the difference between 5  $\mu\mu\text{f}$  and 1.6  $\mu\mu\text{f}$  being accounted for as the grid-to-ground capacitance within the tube. The voltage gain is about 0.98.

## Limitations

The chief limitation of the high frequency operation of this circuit is the cathode-ground capacitance, since this must be considered as shunting the cathode resistor for the purpose of evaluating  $Z_L$ . The high frequency limit evidently may be extended by using a tube having a higher transconductance and requiring a lower value of cathode resistor. The low frequency limit may be extended by increasing the value of  $C_g$ .

The cathode-to-ground impedance of the tube appears relatively low even for a source impedance as high as several megohms, and hum pickup is much reduced as compared with an unshielded lead. For low-level measurements, a double-shielded cable may be used, the inner shield being connected to the cathode and the outer one to ground. With the double shield, the cutoff value will be constant and independent of location but it will be lower because of the increased cathode-to-ground capacitance.

# A Photoelectric



Calibrating the phototube amplifier

Optical system of sensitive galvanometer operates amplifier which has sufficient output to operate a recording meter. Feedback from amplifier to galvanometer eliminates necessity for damping resistor and reduces galvanometer deflection by mechanical vibration

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**T**O MEASURE voltages as low as one microvolt a phototube amplifier has been developed for use with a sensitive galvanometer and an electronic recorder. The galvanometer deflection acts optically on a twin phototube to produce an unbalance which is amplified so that it is measurable by means of the recorder. A feedback circuit to the galvanometer reduces the effect of vibration. Under good conditions readings on the one-microvolt range can be duplicated within  $\pm 0.75$  percent.

As an example of the application of this instrument, in the petroleum and rubber industries infrared radiant energy is used for spectroscopic analysis of hydrocarbons. In the majority of such analytical equipment, transmitted radiation falls upon a thermocouple or thermopile setting up an electromotive force of the order of 10 microvolts or less.

Measuring such a small emf under industrial conditions requires a detecting device which is sensitive yet sturdy. The recorder used with the detecting device should also be sturdy and have a wide, easily read scale which is linear with the thermocouple emf. A sufficiently sensitive detecting device

cannot directly operate a reliably sturdy recorder.

### Galvanometer and Recorder

The galvanometer with which the amplifier is designed to be used is a Leeds and Northrup type 2500 which has a sensitivity of 0.32 mi-

crovolts per mm at one meter, a coil resistance of 11.5 ohms and a period of 5 seconds. Although the critical damping resistance is 52 ohms, none was necessary because of the damping of negative feedback from the amplifier. This galvanometer represents a compromise between sensitivity and ease of adjustment. A more sensitive galvanometer can be used to greater advantage in some instances, employing a larger negative feedback for the microvolt scale for the same galvanometer deflection. However, more time is required for the adjustment of the more sensitive instrument.

The lamp used with the galvanometer has a straight vertical coiled filament. The beam of light from this filament is focused, by means of a lens in the lamp housing, on the cathodes of the twin phototube of the amplifier, the beam having been first reflected at the mirror of the galvanometer. The two cathodes of the phototube are separated by a space of  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. The image of the filament is wide enough to straddle this space and to cover a strip on each cathode about  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch wide.

The meter used as an indicator of emf is a Brown Electronic strip chart potentiometer recorder, which

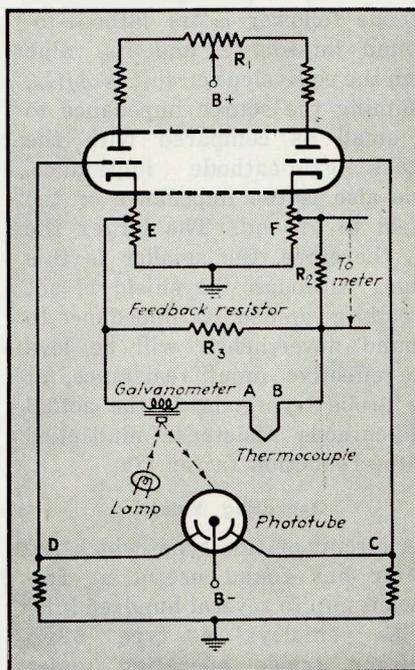


FIG. 1—Basic phototube amplifier circuit

# Galvanometer Amplifier

has proved to be highly satisfactory for use with the phototube amplifier. No noticeable zero drift exists and its readings are reliable within  $\pm 0.25$  percent of full scale deflection. The model used has a span of 4 millivolts. The time required for full scale travel of the pointer is 11 seconds, but this can be reduced by changing the gear reduction of the balancing motor.

## Phototube Amplifier

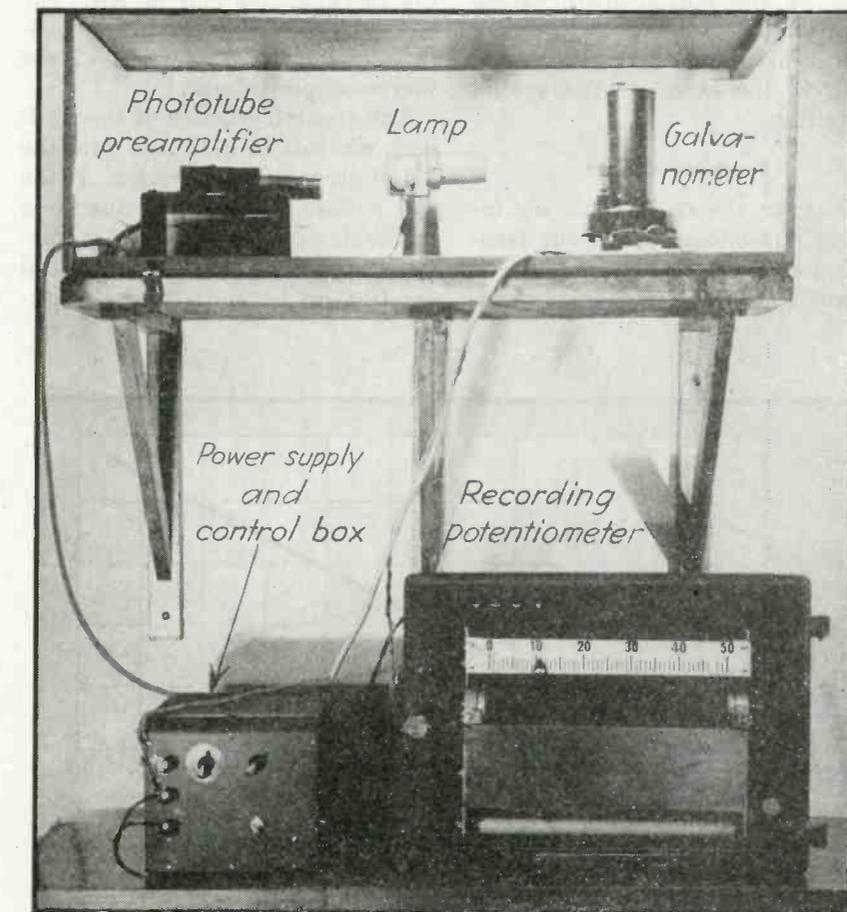
The amplifier is built in two units. A control box contains the control knobs, selector switch, all the resistors in the measuring and amplifier circuits and the power pack.

In the vacuum-tube unit are mounted the triodes of the amplifier and the twin phototube. A projecting light shield prevents scattered light from affecting the phototube. When the system is in operation, the galvanometer, vacuum tube unit and lamp are enclosed in a box to keep the temperature uniform and to reduce further the effects of stray light on the phototube.

The operation of the phototube amplifier is illustrated by Fig. 1, a simplified diagram of the circuit. When there is no emf across the thermocouple terminals AB, the galvanometer coil is undeflected. Light from the lamp strikes the galvanometer mirror and is reflected to the twin phototube. The optical alignment of the lamp, galvanometer and phototube is adjusted so that the same amount of light falls on each cathode of the twin phototube.

The phototube load resistors are equal, and therefore the potential at points C and D are equal. To make points E and F equal in potential the two sections of the duotriode are balanced by  $R_1$ .

The measuring circuit is across



The phototube amplifier is the connecting link between a sensitive galvanometer and an electronic recorder. The optical system comprising the lamp, galvanometer mirror and phototube of the amplifier is best enclosed to eliminate stray light and temperature variations

points E and F. Whenever these two points are at the same potential, no current flows around this loop. The meter, which records the voltage drop across  $R_2$ , consequently reads zero.

When the equipment is in use in spectroscopic analysis, radiation falls on the thermocouple, raising its temperature and producing a small emf. This emf causes the galvanometer coil to deflect through a small angle. The resultant deflection of the light beam reflected from the galvanometer mirror then illuminates a greater area of one cathode of the phototube than of the other. The resulting unbalance in potentials at C and D is proportional to the thermocouple emf if

the light beam is not deflected beyond that position where its edge just fails to strike one of the cathodes.

This difference in potential results in a like difference in potential at the grids of the duotriode. These changes in grid voltages, being amplified without distortion, produce a difference of potential between E and F which is proportional to the thermocouple emf. The potential difference between E and F is large enough to produce a drop across  $R_2$  sufficient to actuate an electronic potentiometer recorder.

A sensitive galvanometer such as the one used here ordinarily responds to every type of mechanical

disturbance unless a vibration-absorbing mounting is provided. In this circuit feedback is used to keep the galvanometer coil steady in spite of mechanical disturbances and changes in line voltage which exist in practically all locations and to avoid the necessity for special mountings.

### Feedback Circuit

Thus far, the analysis has not included a consideration of the feedback used. Current flowing between E and F through the small feed-

back resistor  $R_3$  introduces a small potential drop into the galvanometer circuit. This small potential is so directed that it is opposite to the thermocouple emf at AB. The circuit is so designed that this feedback voltage is 90 percent of the thermocouple voltage.

The steadying action of the feedback can best be described with the aid of an assumed vibration. If the coil suffers a deflection due to a mechanical disturbance, the deflection upsets the optical-electrical equilibrium between the two cath-

odes of the photoelectric cell. The difference of potential between points C and D is amplified, causing a current to flow through the measuring circuit which includes the feedback resistor  $R_3$ . The feedback voltage is of a polarity that opposed the assumed coil deflection and is within 10 percent of the voltage-equivalent of that deflection, and therefore prevents excessive deflection and holds the coil near its null position.

### Complete Circuit

In reducing the theoretical design of the phototube amplifier to a practical unit it was necessary to adapt the basic circuit to a multiple range circuit, reduce zero drift to a minimum, obtain maximum sensitivity and to secure constant calibration.

The basic circuit was changed to measure thermocouple emf in 4 ranges: 0-20 microvolts, 0-8 microvolts, 0-4 microvolts and 0-1 microvolt. A schematic wiring diagram, Fig. 2, shows the final circuit. Eight resistors were inserted in the measuring circuit to provide the required ranges. Each range is determined by a pair of resistors, one in series with the feedback resistor, and the other shunting the two in series as shown. The computation of the values of the resistors which determine the ranges was based on the following considerations:

- (1) Output voltage regardless of the range is proportional to angular deflection of the galvanometer coil.
- (2) The reflected light has just reached the position where it illuminates only one cathode of the phototube when the output meter to be used with this unit has reached full scale.
- (3) The feedback voltage is at least 90 percent of the thermocouple emf.

Condition 2 means that the photoelectric unbalance is a maximum within its linear limits, and that at this unbalance four millivolts is obtained across  $R_{14}$ .

### Precautions to Assure Stability

Reduction of zero drift was effected by eliminating as far as possible the sources of stray thermal emf in the measuring and galvanometer circuits. Spurious emf is

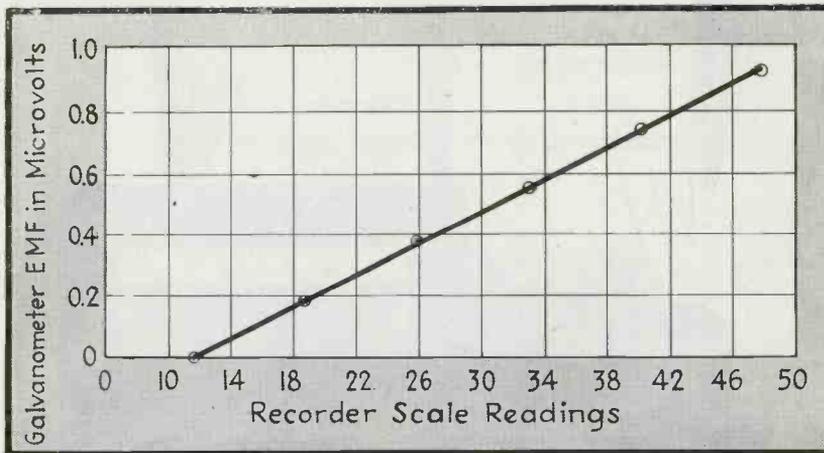


FIG. 3—Comparison of calibration over a period of four days illustrates instrument stability

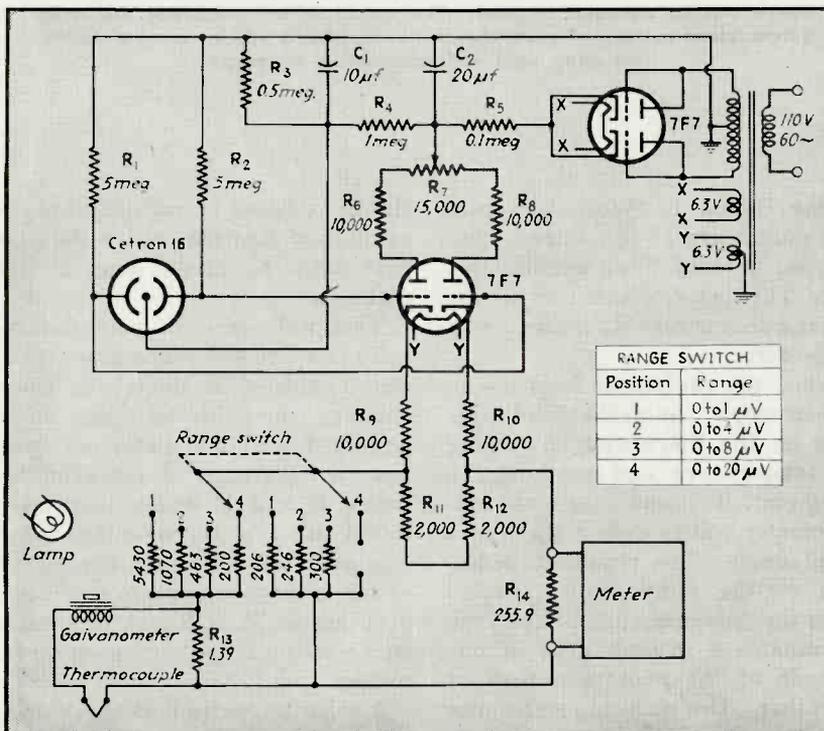
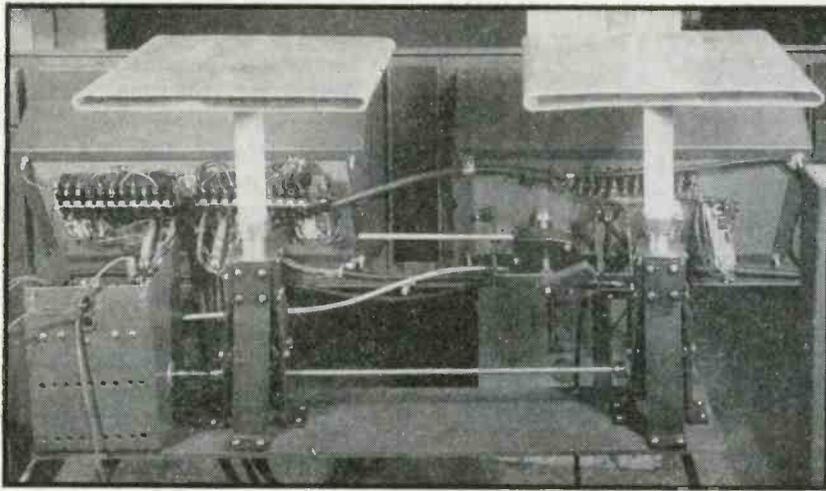


FIG. 2—Complete circuit showing component values for a four-range amplifier



Details of rematching mechanism for 20-kw plastic preheating unit. A thyatron-controlled motor moves the two capacitor plates towards or away from the electrodes supporting the plastic preforms

and the B+ terminal of the power supply are at ground potential.

A relay shunted by an adjustable resistance is in series with the plate power supply circuit and is so adjusted that it will respond to a predetermined peak value of the plate current. At the instant this peak value is reached, the plate circuit relay closes and preconditions an auxiliary relay, which will respond after the plate current changes by a few percent of its peak value toward lower current ratings. This corresponds to the descending part of the power absorption curve in Fig. 1. At this point a plunger-type time-delay relay applies full cut-off bias to the grids of both oscillator tubes and throws a rematching relay over to the high-impedance connection required after the Curie point. Additional contacts on the rematching relay then open the circuit of the time-delay relay, so the cut-off bias is removed after a time delay of a few milliseconds; this is just sufficient to allow the rematching relay to be actuated under no-load conditions. Holding contacts keep the rematching relay energized until a timer circuit terminates the heating cycle and resets all relay circuits for a new cycle.

The results obtained by this arrangement are remarkable for two reasons:

- (1) Smaller power rating generators can be used on jobs for which far larger units were deemed necessary.
- (2) High-frequency generators

can be used economically for high-temperature jobs.

Figure 6 gives a performance comparison of a conventional high-frequency generator (A) and one having half the rated power output but equipped with the rematching mechanism (B). Generator A reaches the critical temperature of magnetic transformation somewhat sooner, but after the Curie temperature is passed the smaller unit delivers heat to the charge at a higher rate and thus arrives at higher temperatures in a shorter time.

The temperature rise before the Curie point is closely approximated by a square-law function, and for this reason the time difference between the two points at which

Curie temperature is reached is relatively small. The higher the required temperatures, the greater are the differences in efficiency and required heating time.

Surface hardening of  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch diameter steel rings to various depths has been achieved in 3.5 seconds with a 2-Mc generator of only 2.5 kw output, by using a rematching unit. This is interesting because up to now it was not considered possible to obtain case hardening with power inputs less than about 10 kw per square inch. The heating time for surface hardening to  $\frac{5}{16}$ -inch depth was 3 seconds. The temperature of magnetic transformation was reached within the first 2 seconds. During the change-over

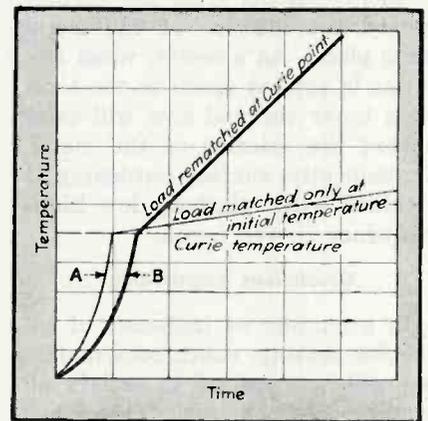


FIG. 6—Time-temperature curves for two high-frequency generators used for induction heating. The smaller unit with rematching (B) reaches temperatures above the Curie point much faster than generator A which has twice the output rating of B

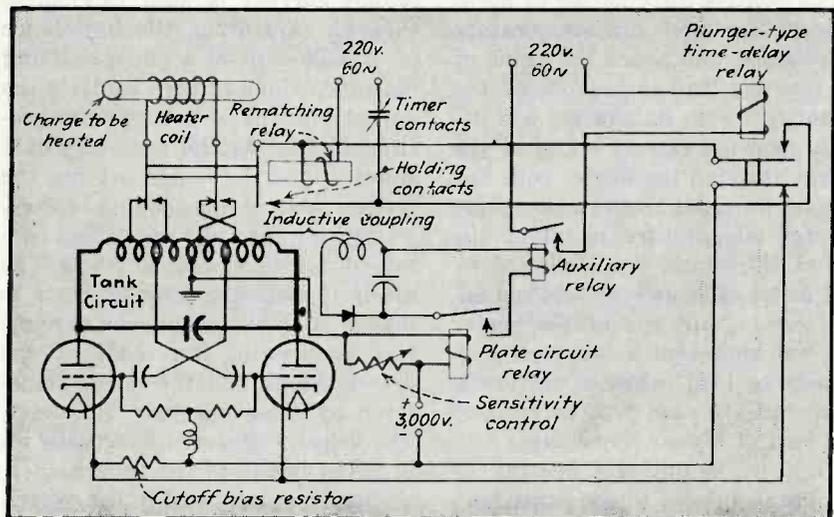
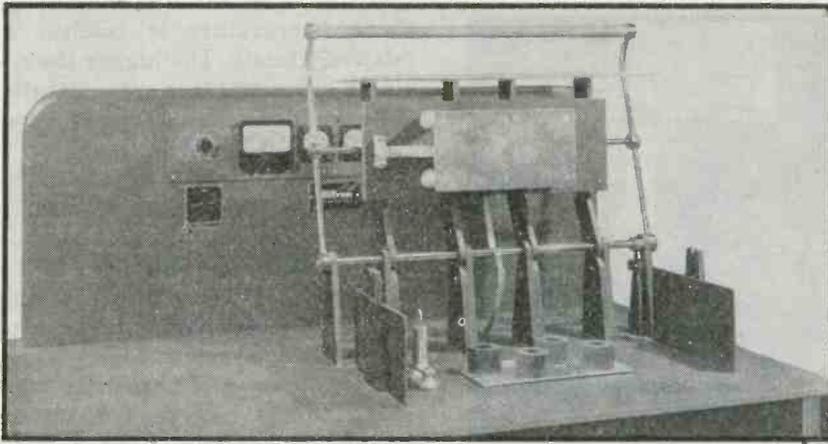


FIG. 5—Simplified schematic diagram of induction heating unit providing one step automatic rematching of tank circuit to load. The timer contacts open momentarily at the end of the heating cycle to release the rematching relay in preparation for a new cycle



Details of working table of 5-kw unit, with four preforms in position and top electrode raised

time, a few milliseconds, a certain equalization of the temperature gradient existing from the surface toward the interior of the metal takes place. As a result, when full power is applied again to the sample a lower thermal flow will exist toward the interior of the metal. Consequently, surface hardening is obtained with relatively low high-frequency power input.

#### Continuous Rematching

In a number of instances of induction heating, continuous matching will be required to satisfy all conditions. Such is the case when dealing with a charge fed continuously through the heater coil but of variable cross-section. An example is shown in Fig. 7, involving high-frequency heat treatment of a rifling broach.

The relative distribution of high-temperature and low-temperature metal mass, and hence the value of the average load impedance of the heater coil with its charge, will depend upon the rate of travel of the charge through the heater coil. For instance, a small cross-section piece of high-temperature metal at the end of the heater coil, followed by cold metal of large cross-section entering the front end of the heater coil, will represent a relatively low-impedance load, while a uniformly small cross-section will correspond to a load of higher impedance.

To provide uniform heating of all outer surfaces to the same temperature, the heater coil is designed to match the load to the generator at an average mass of metal within the heater coil traveling at an aver-

age speed. Every deviation from these predetermined averages will correspond to a change in load impedance and will be accordingly reflected back into the plate circuit of the oscillator.

A schematic diagram of the equipment is also shown in Fig. 7. Variation of oscillator plate current from a predetermined optimum value is used to provide a system of continuous rematching. A variable control rheostat in series with the plate current circuit converts the plate current variations into voltage variations and drives the input of a bridge-type amplifier having one control and one compensating tube. The bias of the compensating tube is so set that for the desired plate current of the oscillator a certain output current is obtained from the amplifier. This output current is used to change, through saturation, the impedance of a choke coil in a phase-shifting network, which in turn controls the output current of a thyatron rectifier in feeding the armature of a shunt-wound d-c motor driving the feeder cable of the moving charge.

The degree of regulation obtained by this method shows up nicely if a velocity-time diagram is taken. A small tachometer dynamo was coupled to the shaft of the driver motor and the speed registered by a vacuum-tube voltmeter. The velocity diagram is actually an inverted image of the broach.

The generator used in the experiment, shown elsewhere in this article along with its associated quenching device, pumps, etc., was a 2-megacycle, 2.5-kw unit. The entire

64-inch broach was heated to 2350 deg F in 92 seconds. Incidentally, this equipment demonstrates that relatively good frequency stability could be obtained without much additional effort. The frequency variation between no-load and full-load conditions at any instant was not over 75 kc total band width.

#### Rematching in Plastic Heating

The problem of heating plastic preforms demands equipment where the continuous adjustment of matching can be obtained between load and generator to secure maximum power absorption by the load during the entire heating cycle.

The solution is perhaps best illustrated by describing a commercially built equipment of 20-kw high-frequency output, used in the preheating of large plastic preforms. The load may vary between three to twelve pounds weight, and it was demanded that the generator shall adjust itself automatically to any new load conditions without any necessity for the operator to make adjustments.

The electronic generator used in this arrangement is of the self-excited push-pull type, with the center of the tank circuit grounded and connected to the positive terminal of the high-voltage power supply as shown in Fig. 8. The load is placed between two capacitor plates, which in turn are coupled to the tank circuit by means of a variable capacitance. The spacing between the capacitor plates containing the load and the coupling plate can be changed by a reversible motor.

The feedback and initial coupling are so adjusted that for the rated maximum plate current of the oscillator tubes, matching is obtained and maximum power is delivered to the load. Any variation of the load impedance will be reflected into the plate circuit. The changing voltage drop across variable resistor  $R$ , due to plate current variations, drives the balanced-tube bridge amplifier. Two relays are connected across the output of the balanced bridge, each in series with a rectifier which allows current to pass through only one of the relays for either unbalanced condition. Thus, for increasing load impedance one of the relays will re-

spond, closing contacts 1 of the reversible 220-volt, 60-cps motor; this moves the coupling reactance in a direction increasing the spacing, thus increasing the coupling reactance between load and generator to correct the matching. For a decrease in load, relay 2 will respond, closing contacts and reversing the motor so as to move the coupling plates in the opposite direction.

#### Operation During Heating Cycle

During the heating cycle of plastic preforms, the power factor of the material increases with increasing temperature. The coupling at the beginning, being adjusted for maximum power absorption, matches a relatively high-impedance load. In the course of the heating cycle the power factor will increase and the load impedance decrease accordingly. The balanced amplifier will try to correct for the lower impedance and therefore the control motor will adjust the coupling in the direction of a larger coupling reactance by increasing the spacing between the coupling plate and the electrodes. This means that at the end of the completed heating cycle both coupling plates will be in a position of maximum distance from the electrodes, and hence provide minimum coupling between load and generator. The next cycle will start at this minimum-coupling position, excluding the possibility of an overloaded plate circuit. Once the next cycle is started the rematching mechanism will automatically seek its own position of optimum coupling, corresponding to matched conditions between load and generator.

After the filament voltage is brought up to its nominal value the unit is made ready to operate by pushing a starter button on the front panel. This turns on the high-voltage power supply and simultaneously connects the armature of the reversible rematching motor across the 60-cycle, 220-volt line.

A high-frequency wattmeter indicates the amount of high-frequency power converted into heat within the load. The load electrodes are accessible after opening the screen gate in front of the unit, which automatically shuts off the high-voltage circuit. Proper recy-

cling is obtained by a timer circuit.

The fact that the generator automatically adjusts itself to maximum power output at any present level makes it possible that a number of molding presses calling for various amounts of preform material can be supplied alternately without making any changes on the generator or its associated circuits. Such operations were performed successfully by unskilled labor.

A 5-kw generator using the same principles of automatic rematching was developed primarily for multicavity molding. The preforms are

placed on the bottom electrode. The top electrode, which can be lifted by a lever mechanism, will adjust itself to any spacing corresponding to the thickness of the preform. Correspondingly, the matching capacitors will seek automatically their position of maximum power output. Power is applied to the high-voltage circuits of the d-c plate supply only when the top electrode reaches its final position, and power is disconnected when the top electrode is lifted. A timer circuit starts and ends the period during which power is applied.

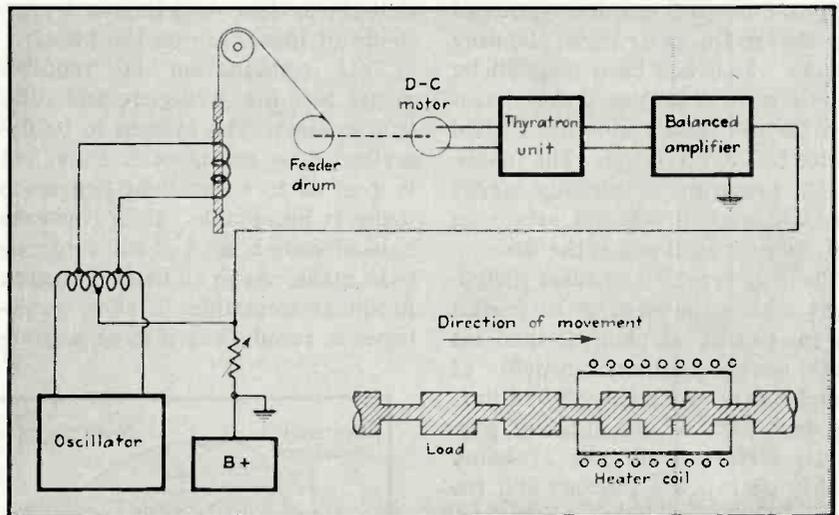


FIG. 7—Schematic diagram of electronic heating unit provided with continuous rematching equipment for heating to a constant surface temperature a moving charge of non-uniform cross-section as shown at the lower right

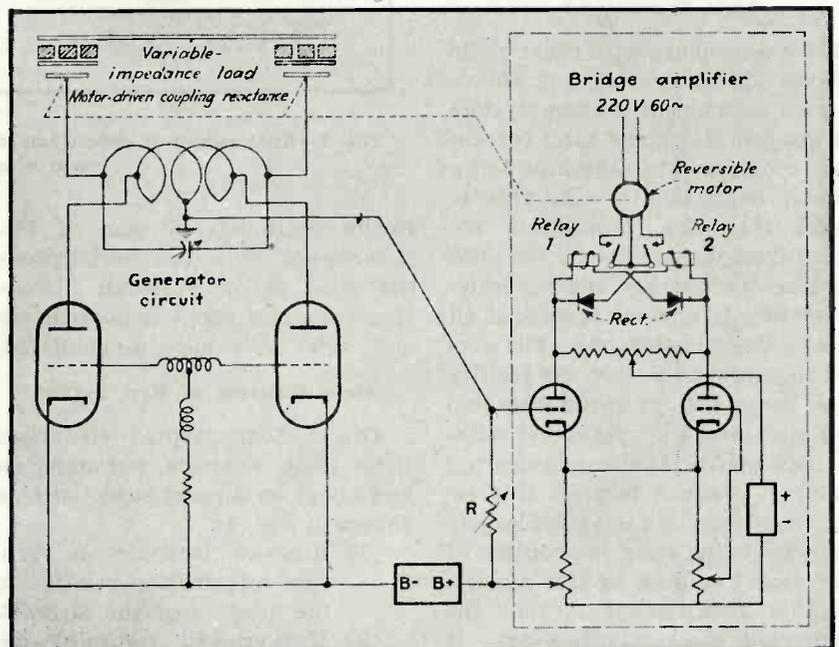


FIG. 8—Simplified schematic diagram of dielectric heating generator provided with automatic and continuous readjustment of matching between the load and the generator tank circuit

# The CAA Instrument Landing System . . .

First complete technical details of blind landing system officially adopted for civil aviation in U. S. Installation program is under way and will be accelerated after the war. Part I covers theoretical aspects and runway localizer circuits

**T**HE following is a description of the radio instrument landing system which has been adopted by the Civil Aeronautics Administration for use throughout the United States by civil aviation. The installation program is already under way, although it will not attain its full volume until after the war.

The function of any ideal instrument landing system is to permit the pilot of an airplane to land his craft safely without benefit of visual contact with the ground during any part of the landing procedure. The advantages of being able to do this are obvious and the problem has long been recognized. Many and varied solutions have been proposed but all are based on the use of radio in some form.

## Basic Requirements

Long experience with other radio aids to air navigation has shown that an instrument landing system for general use should meet certain basic requirements—the first being that of dependability. By this is meant that the information received from the facility by the pilot must be trustworthy and accurate. It is better to have no facility at all than a questionable one. The second requirement is that the facility shall be capable of being operated and maintained by personnel without extensive radio engineering training. Failure to meet this requirement has, in fact, been largely responsible for delay in adoption of instrument landing by this agency. Another requirement is that the equipment shall comprise few, if any, parts not easily available or manufacturable. The fourth, and by no means the least important, is

that the system shall impose a minimum of new work on the pilot.

This combination of requirements is quite stringent and difficult to meet. The system to be described does not meet it fully, yet it does so to a sufficient degree to make it acceptable. Improvements have already been, and will continue to be made. As in all fields, research produces sometimes a slow, sometimes a rapid—but always a prac-

The first of these radiates signals which overlap and produce an equi-signal zone (or course) aligned with the axis of the runway. A zero-center differential indicating instrument in the cockpit will indicate zero as long as the airplane is in this zone, and will have deflections to the right or left as the craft departs from on-course. The runway localizer operates in the frequency band from 108 Mc to 111 Mc.

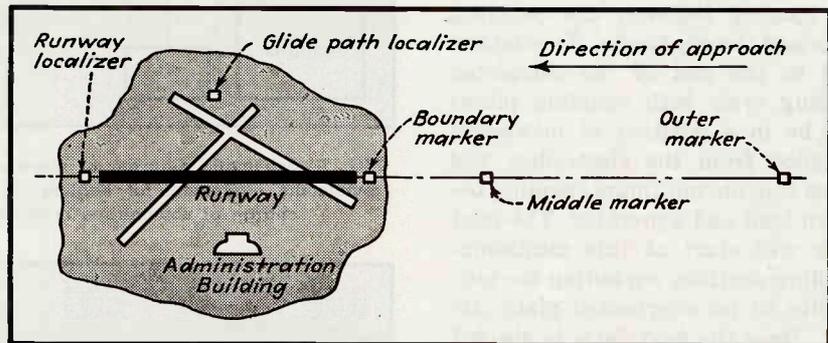


FIG. 1—Arrangement of components of CAA instrument landing system on and near a typical airport

tically continuous stream of improvements. The commercial product must follow research discontinuously, and adopt improvements only after they have accumulated.

## Main Elements of New System

The system adopted comprises three main elements, arranged on and about an airport essentially as shown in Fig. 1:

- (1) Runway localizer—to provide information relative to the heading of the aircraft.
- (2) Markers—to indicate distance from point of contact.
- (3) Glide path localizer—to provide indication of altitude.

The second element comprises two (sometimes three) low-powered transmitters located at specified distances from the point of contact, along the extended axis of the runway, and radiating sharply vertical patterns. Each of these transmitters operates a different colored light in the airplane to permit the pilot to identify the marker being received. All markers operate at 75 Mc.

## Equi-Signal Glide Path

The third element has only recently been developed to a satisfactory stage and is not yet being installed. It will therefore not be de-

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scribed in this paper, except by stating that it, too, radiates two overlapping signals to produce an equi-signal zone or on-course. The equi-signal surface is a vertical circular cone with the apex on the antenna. The station is located to one side of the runway so that the vertical plane through the localizer course cuts the cone parallel to but not through the axis. The intersection of the plane and the cone is thus a hyperbola. If the pilot were to follow both the glide path course and the localizer course, he would actually be traveling along a portion of this hyperbola. His position in space would thus be absolutely determined at all times during his descent, and by properly controlling the position and shape of the hyperbola, the aircraft could be brought to a complete landing without necessity of seeing the ground. Actually, the radiated patterns can be modified so that the surface of intersection is not exactly a right circular cone, but is such as to result in a more or less straight line glide path. It is anticipated that this equipment will operate at a frequency in the vicinity of 300 Mc.

An equi-signal glide path of this type was experimentally set up by Messrs. D. M. Stuart and J. C. Hromada at the Indianapolis Experimental Station of the CAA in 1938. The results were completely successful and tests, including flight tests, showed the system to be a practical one. For a number of reasons, not all technical, it was necessary to abandon this project, and constant-intensity glide path was then evolved which required the aircraft to follow a path of constant signal intensity. While the



Checking adjustment of loop antenna system for runway localizer of newly-adopted CAA radio instrument landing system

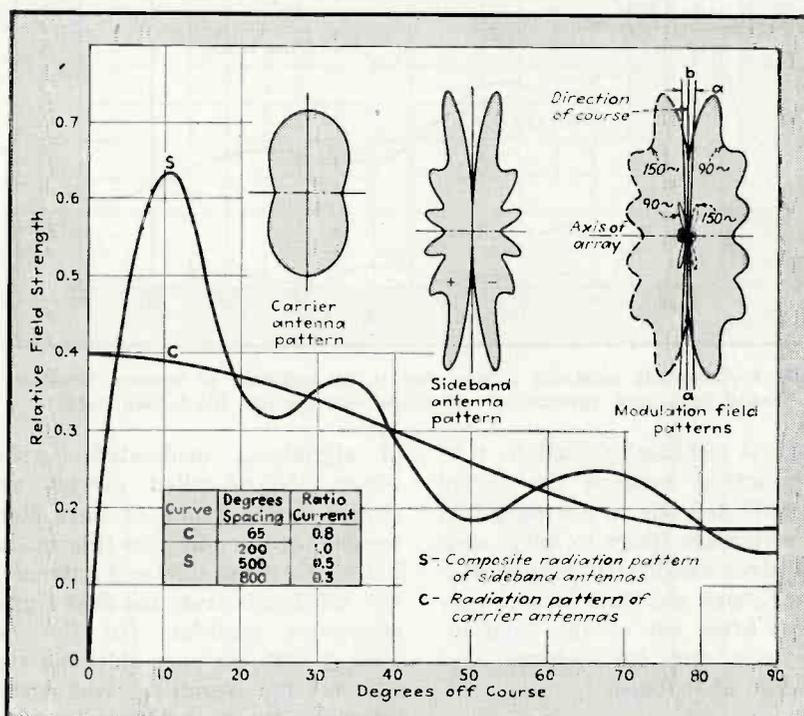


FIG. 2—Radiation patterns of the sideband and carrier antennas, plotted in both rectangular and polar coordinates

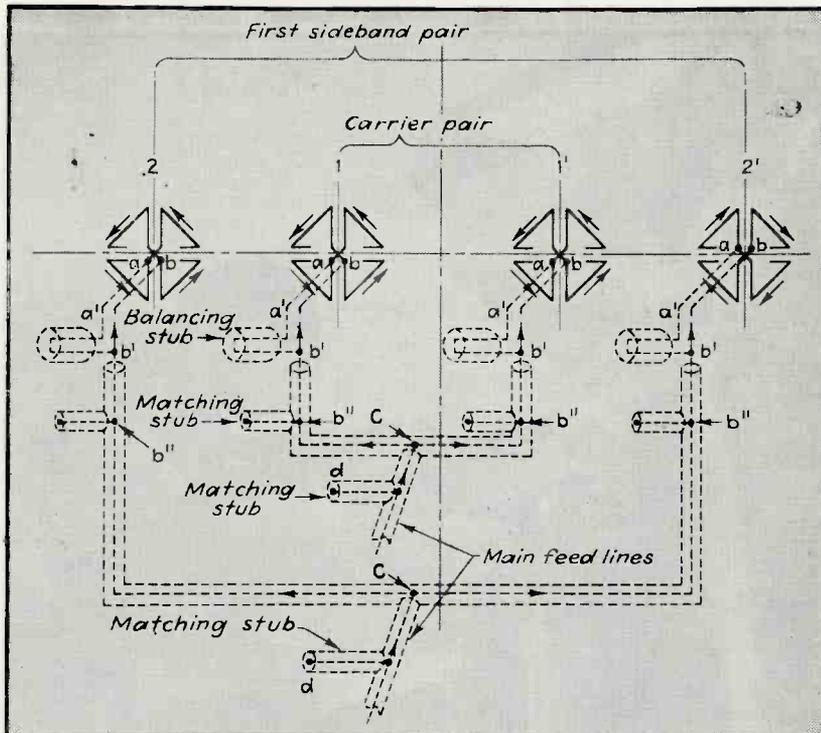


FIG. 3—Schematic diagram showing general arrangement of the first two pairs of antenna circuits associated with the runway localizer

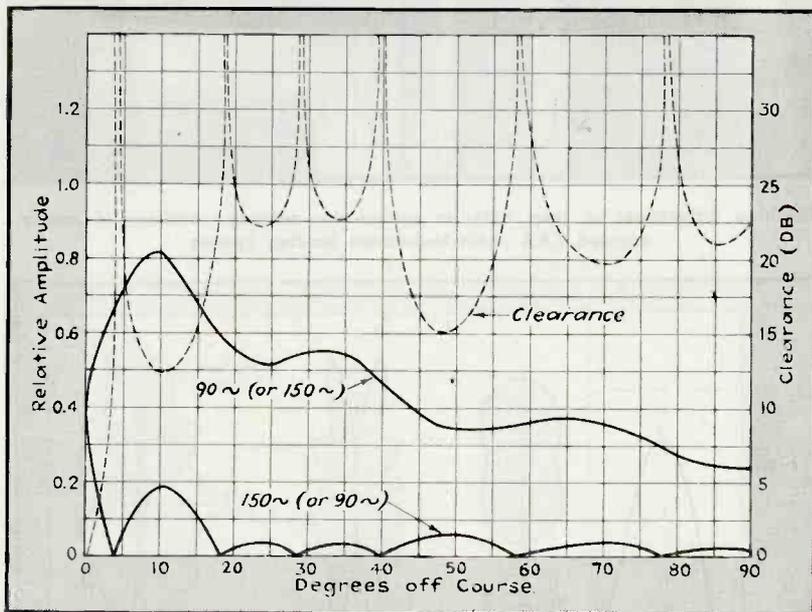


FIG. 4—Composite sideband pattern due to all radiators of runway localizer (solid lines) and variation of clearance with azimuth (dash-dash lines)

scheme is technically feasible, it is not practical because the actual glide path depends on too many factors which are likely to vary, such as receiver sensitivity, transmitter power output, etc. This became very evident after one or two trial installations and the scheme was therefore abandoned.

#### Theory of Runway Localizer

The localizer radiates two types

of signals—a modulated carrier (from the so-called carrier antenna) and a group of pure sidebands corresponding to this modulation (from the sideband antenna). The sidebands from the first signal effectively combine (in the receiver) with the pure sideband signals and the overall received modulation is due to both components. The space pattern of the modulation can be controlled by means of

both antennas, and this is done so as to produce two different patterns for the 90-cps and 150-cps modulation frequencies.

The radiation patterns are made highly directive, with the maximum approximately ten degrees from the course as shown in Fig. 2. The purpose of this is to maintain as much signal near the course as possible and at the same time minimize the off-course signal that might reach buildings or other structures and be reflected therefrom. Such reflections often are strong enough to affect the patterns and cause so-called multiple-course indications, and course-bends. The pattern of the carrier (about 110 Mc) is in fact much less directional, as it should be, since it is desired that the a/c in the aircraft receiver be operative regardless of bearing with respect to the transmitter.

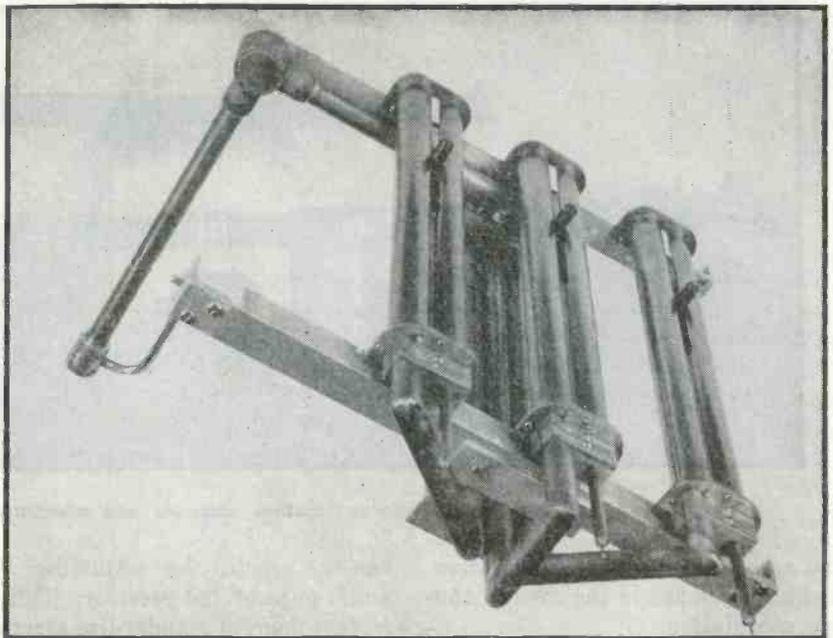
To obtain the desired radiation pattern, a linear array of radiators is arranged with the axis perpendicular to, and the center on the axis of the runway. The array is arranged in pairs, each symmetrical about the center. The radiators are vertical magnetic doublets (horizontal current loops) with patterns circular in the horizontal plane. The center pair, henceforth called carrier pair, is operated in phase with each other and fed with normally modulated carrier. The resulting radiation then contains the carrier frequency and all of the associated sidebands. Each of these sidebands will, of course, have the same space pattern as the carrier (due to the negligible difference in frequency between carrier pairs and sideband pairs).

As is well known, the electric field resulting from such a doublet has no components except in a plane at right angles to the axis of the doublet. In this case, the field is therefore purely horizontal which is of some practical advantage. For example, vertical metallic supports, lines, conduits, etc., inevitable in an actual installation, do not absorb any energy and therefore do not observably distort the radiated pattern. Furthermore, the coefficient of reflection from large surfaces is slightly less for horizontally polarized waves—particularly if the angle of incidence approaches the value of Brewster's angle (which

in this case is of the order of  $6.5^\circ$ ). On the other hand, a number of comparative tests of vertical as well as horizontal arrays has failed to demonstrate unequivocally the superiority of one or the other type of polarization. In view of this and of the definite advantages of vertical arrays in simplicity and economy, the latter have not been summarily dismissed from future consideration.

The elements of each of the other pairs (hereafter called sideband pairs) are operated 180 degrees out of phase and all elements on one side of the center are in phase with each other. All the sideband pairs are, furthermore, fed in quadrature with the carrier pair. Feed arrangements for the carrier pair and the first sideband pair are shown in Fig. 3.

Since a further rotation of 90 degrees is inherent in the radiation from the sideband pairs (see Appendix I), the resultant pattern will be in phase (or 180 degrees out of phase) with that radiated by the carrier pair. The pattern for three sideband pairs (the usual number in a typical installation) is shown in Fig. 2. There are only two lobes, of opposite phase, and with nulls along the direction of the course. It is to be noted that the phase in



Quarter-wave transmission line transformers used as phasing controls to place all sideband antenna pairs in phase with each other and in quadrature with the carrier antenna pair of the runway localizer system

the pattern is independent of azimuth except for the two reversals at the nulls.

The pattern from the carrier pair is likewise of constant phase. The resultant pattern due to a combination of the two therefore is merely the algebraic sum. With the proper choice of current ratios, the resultant can be placed almost

wholly on one side of the course line with little or no radiation on the other side, and the side of maximum radiation is that in which the sideband lobe is in phase with the pattern from the carrier pair. To produce the modulation field patterns of Fig. 2, the right-hand sideband lobe is arranged to be in phase with the carrier pattern in

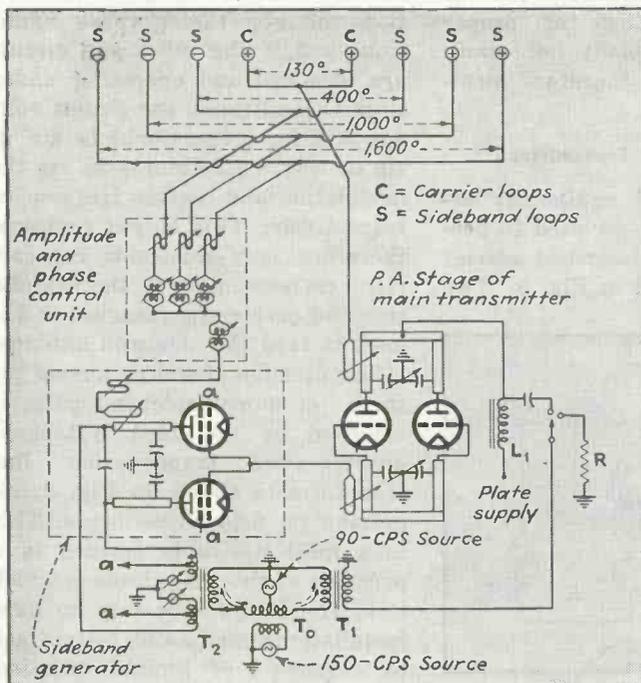


FIG. 5—Output and antenna circuits of runway localizer. Main transmitter feeds only carrier loop, with other loops being fed by the sideband generator

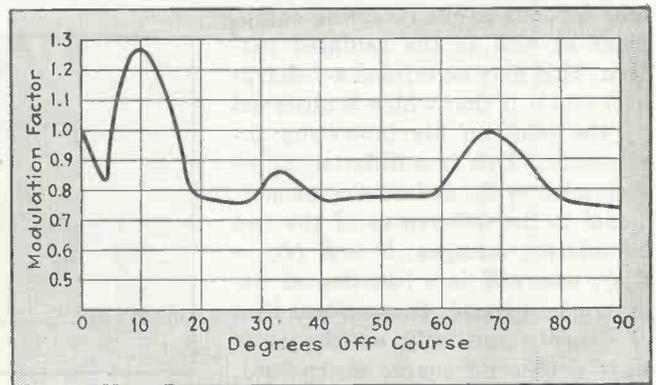
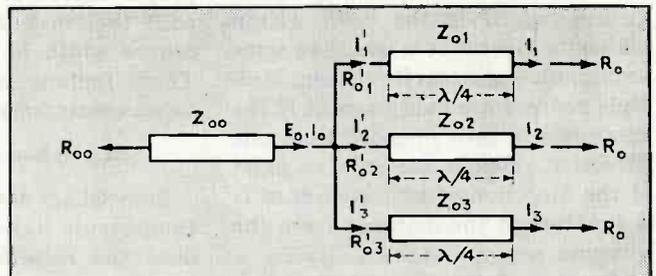


FIG. 6 (above)—Phase control unit serving the antenna system

FIG. 7—Variation of modulation factor of runway localizer



Building housing runway localizer antennas and associated transmitter equipment

the case of the 90-cps modulation, and out of phase in the case of 150-cps modulation.

#### Course Clearance and Sharpness

There are several characteristics of these patterns which are important in the operation of the localizer. Figure 4 represents, in rectangular coordinates, one quadrant of the modulation field patterns shown in polar form in Fig. 2. The ratio of amplitudes of the two modulation frequencies in any direction (in decibels) is defined as clearance. The clearance in a direction  $1\frac{1}{2}$  degrees off course is defined as r-f course sharpness. Along the course, the clearance is obviously zero. Course width is the zone within which the clearance is less than some maximum—arbitrarily chosen. Multiple courses are said to exist if the clearance is zero in more than one direction. Bends are said to exist if the direction of zero clearance is a function of the distance from the antenna array.

Another form of course sharpness depends on the receiving equipment as well as the radiated pattern. This may be termed a-f sharpness and it is that which is observed by the pilot on his indicating instrument. This is a differential instrument with deflections proportional to the differences of the two modulation voltages:  $D = K(C_{90} - C_{150})$ , where  $K$  is a function of the instrument itself. It is evident that  $D$  depends not only on the ratio  $C_{90}/C_{150}$  (the r-f course sharpness), but also on the absolute values of these voltages, so that the deflection for a given value of  $C_{90}/C_{150}$

can be varied by adjusting the audio gain of the receiver. This is in fact done to standardize aircraft equipment.

The discussion is devoted mainly to clearance since this is a characteristic of the transmitting system only, and not of the receiving system also, as a-f sharpness is. (Actually, the observed clearance is also a function of the surrounding terrain.)

In operation, it is important that the clearance in all directions (except on course) be adequate so as to produce no multiples nor even the impression that a course is being approached. The importance of proper course alignment is obvious and the maintenance of proper course width is equally important. These factors are therefore monitored continuously.

#### Description of Transmitter

Somewhat novel equipment arrangements have been used to produce the results described above; these are indicated in Fig. 5. Two

main sources of r-f power feed the antenna array, one supplying modulated carrier to the carrier pair of loops (c) and one supplying pure sideband energy to the sideband pairs (s).

Modulated carrier power is obtained from the output tank of a 200-watt transmitter and carried directly to the antenna by means of 70-ohm coaxial line. The transmitter is crystal-controlled and the power amplifier stage is plate-modulated by the 90-cps and 150-cps signals from the motor-alternator unit. Pure carrier from the grid circuit of this amplifier is used to excite a sideband generator, the plate circuit of which is fed by the modulation voltage. Under these conditions and if the tubes and circuit are balanced and operating under class C conditions, the output voltage will be proportional to  $\sin qt \sin \omega t$  where  $q/2\pi$  and  $\omega/2\pi$  are the modulation and carrier frequencies respectively. This output contains, therefore, only sidebands (no carrier) corresponding to the modulation and carrier frequencies, and is used to feed the sideband antenna.

The division of energy among the three (or more) sideband pairs is achieved by the fixed system of quarter-wave transmission line transformers shown in Fig. 6, requiring no field adjustments. This is a most desirable feature in a program of this magnitude in which it is frequently necessary to have installations made and maintained by personnel of limited technical qualifications. The loads ( $R_s$ ) are all equal to each other and are essentially 70 ohms resistive.

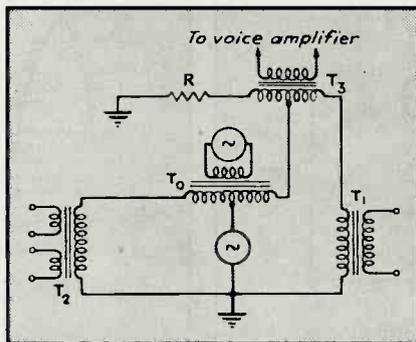


FIG. 8—Hybrid unit used with voice channel to give verbal instructions to incoming pilots over runway localizer radio system

The desired current ratio is  $I_1:I_2:I_3 = 1:0.5:0.3$ , hence the desired power ratio is  $P_1:P_2:P_3 = 1:0.25:0.09$ . The power input to each transformer section being  $E_o^2/R_o'$ , it follows that  $(1/R_o'):(1/R_o''):(1/R_o''') = 1:0.25:0.09$ , and since  $Z_o^2 = R_o R_o'$ , etc., the characteristic admittances have the same relative values as the currents. The impedance  $Z_o$  is selected to match the parallel impedances of the three sections to the source  $R_o$ . The value of  $Z_o$  is chosen to result in practical dimensions for the various conductors and for this reason is different from  $R_o$ .

#### Audio Hybrid Circuit

The phasing, which determines on which side of the course the main lobe of each modulation pattern occurs, is accomplished in a special audio hybrid circuit. Referring to Fig. 5, the 90-cps source and the 150-cps source are connected into a balanced center-tapped transformer. The center-tapped winding is loaded symmetrically by the sideband generator plate circuit and the main transmitter p.a. plate circuit. Under these conditions, the 90-cps components in these loads are in phase with each other, and the 150-cps components are out of phase.

This same relationship (or the reverse, depending on the polarities of the coupling transformers) persists up to and including the antenna array, thus producing modulation field patterns similar to that in Fig. 2. In order that these phase relationships be obtained, it is necessary that the loads presented by the two coupling transformers,  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , be purely resistive and equal. If they are not purely resistive, it is likely that they will not have the same phase angle and usually their reactance will differ for the two modulation frequencies. This disturbs the desired phase relations and results in interaction between the two audio-frequency sources by virtue of the unbalance in transformer  $T_o$ .

In the actual equipment, the phase angles of the loads presented by  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are of the order of two or three degrees. The value of this phase angle is affected chiefly by the self inductances of the various

transformer windings (and the inductor  $L_1$ ), which are several hundred henrys or more (although, due to the magnitudes involved, the leakage reactance may become important without the necessary precautions)\*.

#### Modulation Percentage

The 200-watt carrier is modulated 100 percent on course, assuming no voice channel; with voice on the same carrier, the 90 and 150-cps modulation would be correspondingly less. With peak modulation by both 90 cps and 150 cps, each of these frequencies modulates the carrier only 50 percent. A useful modulating power of 25 watts at each frequency is, therefore, re-

ator must furnish about 100 watts.

With 100 percent modulation on course (where the contribution from the side-band loops is zero), the modulation off course will in general differ from 100 percent and will vary with azimuth due to the radiation pattern of the array. It might offhand appear that if the carrier is itself modulated 100 percent, the superposition of radiation from the sideband loops would result in overmodulation everywhere except on course. This is not the case. Radiation from the sideband loops adds to the carrier modulation for one of the modulation frequencies, but subtracts for the other, so that the net result can be, and for most values of azimuth is

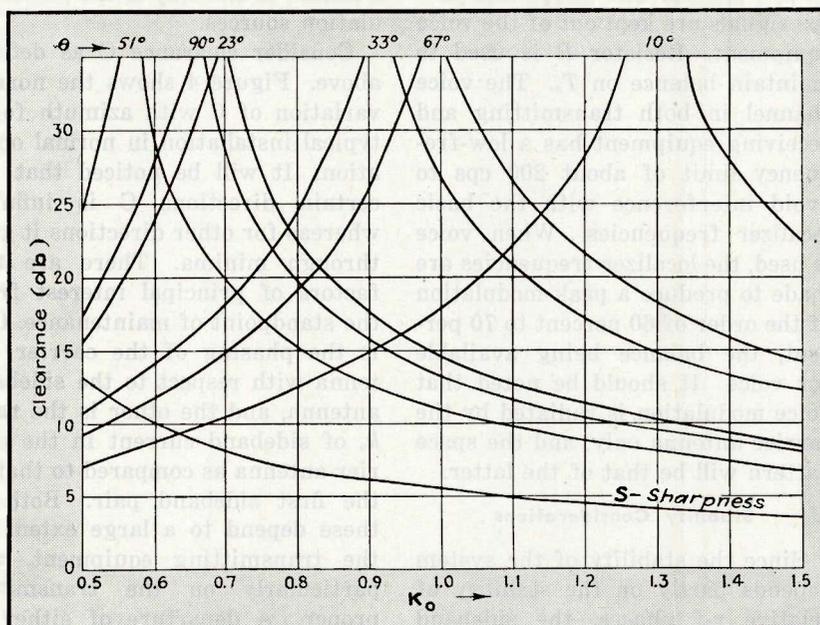


FIG. 9—Variation of clearance with sideband current in carrier loops

quired. With a plate efficiency of the order of 50 percent in the p.a., the actual power required is more nearly 50 watts, and considering further that a like amount is required by the sideband generator (actually somewhat more due to the lower efficiency of the latter), it can be seen that each modulation gener-

\*It is easy to show that if the secondary of a transformer is loaded by a resistive load  $R$ , and if the self-reactance of the secondary winding is  $X = kR$ , then the impedance looking into the primary will have a phase angle equal to  $\tan^{-1}(1/k)$ , assuming no leakage reactance. For this angle to be three degrees for  $R = 10,000$  ohms,  $X$  must be at least 190,000 ohms, which requires the self-inductance (at 90 cps) to be 340 henrys. On the other hand, such large inductances introduce the problem of leakage reactance. If the reflected impedance is of the order of 1,000 ohms, then the leakage reactance cannot exceed about 50 ohms (or roughly 0.1 henry).

less than 100 percent modulation (see Fig. 7). It is evident that overmodulation does not occur except between 5 deg and 15 deg off-course, and the maximum is only 128 percent.

#### Insertion of Voice Channel

It is sometimes desirable to be able to operate a voice channel on the localizer to permit phone contacts with a pilot prior to or during an actual approach. This is easily done, the insertion of the voice modulation being made in the hybrid circuit consisting of transformers  $T_o$ ,  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  (Fig. 5). Voice signals are introduced by a third

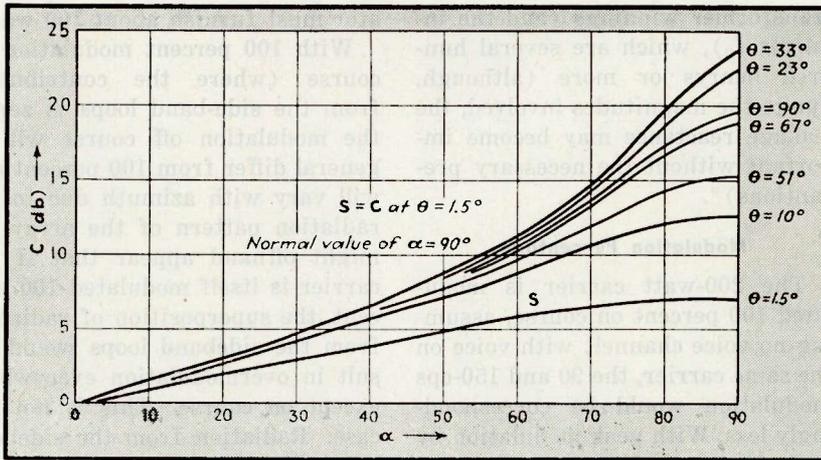


FIG. 10—Variation of clearance with phase of carrier loop current

transformer ( $T_3$  in Fig. 8) also having a center-tapped secondary forming a second balanced circuit. In this manner, the 90-cps and 150-cps signals are kept out of the voice equipment. Resistor  $R$  is used to maintain balance on  $T_3$ . The voice channel in both transmitting and receiving equipment has a low-frequency limit of about 200 cps to avoid interference with the basic localizer frequencies. When voice is used, the localizer frequencies are made to produce a peak modulation of the order of 60 percent to 70 percent, the balance being available for voice. It should be noted that voice modulation is radiated by the carrier antenna only, and the space pattern will be that of the latter.

#### Stability Considerations

Since the stability of the system depends partly on the stability of relative r-f phases, the sideband generator is driven, as stated, directly from the unmodulated grid tank of the transmitter power amplifier. All r-f energy is carried over coaxial copper lines with air dielectric, and the lines to the antenna array are filled with dry air under low pressure to prevent breathing of moisture. An experimental installation utilizing solid-dielectric cables throughout has been made. If satisfactory, these cables would evidently be preferable to air dielectric lines.

The system is inherently quite stable for any reasonable variation in the several parameters. The alignment of the course is not affected by any change except one which in some way modifies the symmetry of the patterns about

the direction of the course. This might result from mechanical injury to one side of the array, or to a failure of one only of the two modulation sources.

Consider clearance  $C$  as defined above. Figure 4 shows the normal variation of  $C$  with azimuth for a typical installation in normal operation. It will be noticed that for certain directions  $C$  is infinite, whereas for other directions it goes through minima. There are two factors of principal interest from the standpoint of maintenance. One is the phasing of the carrier antenna with respect to the sideband antenna, and the other is the ratio  $k_0$  of sideband current in the carrier antenna as compared to that in the first sideband pair. Both of these depend to a large extent on the transmitting equipment, and particularly on the transmitter proper. A departure of either of these factors (but not both) from normal will affect the values of minimum clearance, but not the position of these minima relative to the course (see Appendix I).

Figure 9 shows the variation of minimum clearance values with variation of  $k_0$  for  $\alpha = \pi/2$ , and Fig. 10 shows the corresponding variation with  $\alpha$  for the normal value of  $k_0$ . (The curves marked  $S$  represent course sharpness, or clearance at  $\theta = 1.52$ .) A departure of either  $\alpha$  or  $k_0$  from normal reduces the value of one or more of the clearance minima, yet a change in  $k_0$  by 40 percent or a change in  $\alpha$  of 45 degrees results in clearances not smaller than 6 db. Both of these minima are adequate for proper operation provided the

aircraft receiver has sufficient audio gain. Figure 11 shows corresponding effects for changes in the current of the third (outermost) sideband pair.

A pertinent question commonly raised concerns the effect of unbalance in the sideband generator, resulting for example from the failure of one of the tubes. The most evident effect is to introduce carrier into the sideband loops, and the consequent radiation will merely distort somewhat the overall carrier space pattern. Another effect is to reduce the sideband output, which amounts to increasing the value of  $k_0$  in Fig. 9. However, even if one of the tubes fails completely, this effectively increases  $k_0$  by a factor of about 2; Fig. 9 shows the relatively small effect of this on clearance and sharpness. There is no need for using matched tubes.

To insure the maximum possible stability of the system, the equipment is itself designed to be stable within very close tolerances over a wide range of ambient and service conditions, as is done with all equipment used in CAA facilities.

#### Monitoring the Runway Localizer

The above study of the operational changes to be expected when different parameters vary has pointed the way to the method of monitoring the localizer. The question of monitoring the localizer (as well as the other parts of the system) is naturally important since the equipment is unattended in all installations.

The first and obvious concern is with the proper alignment of the course. In the first installations a field detector was placed 150 feet from the antenna, directly on either the front or back course. The position of the course is, however, relatively stable and independent of some of the more likely malfunctions of equipment such as detuning of transmitter p.a. or sideband generator. On the other hand, such variables do affect the clearance off course, and a receiver located on course would not reveal these changes.

It is important to have ample clearance off-course to avoid serious confusion to a pilot. A receiver is therefore located about 50 de-

grees off course to permit monitoring this clearance, the one on course being used to monitor course alignment and signal level. The signal from the clearance monitor is fed through a transmission line (Fig. 12) to the control tower where it operates a visual indicator as well as alarm and recording circuits. The course monitor is arranged so that if the course moved beyond a predetermined limit, or if the level changes more than a preset amount, its output operates to open the line carrying the clearance signal and thereby causes various alarm and other circuits to function at the control tower. Lines from the marker stations carry corresponding signals which also operate the recorder and alarm functions as well as visual indicators. Since these signals are all at different audio frequencies they are easily separated, where necessary, by appropriate filters.

#### Tune-Up Procedure

The system has been designed with consideration for the limited technical training of installation and maintenance personnel. One feature which contributes materially to simplifying the tune-up process is the possibility of radiat-

ing simultaneously unmodulated carrier from the carrier pair and sidebands from the sideband pairs. This can be done as shown in Fig. 5 by loading the modulation transformer in the transmitter with a dummy load in lieu of the p.a. plate circuit. The only modulation on the carrier is then that due to radiation from the sideband loops. The latter can be phased correctly by adjusting the phaser to each sideband pair until the audio signal on the output of the clearance monitor is a maximum (see Appendix I). This process is a matter of a few minutes. In earlier systems making use of mechanical modulation it was impossible to radiate pure carrier simultaneously with pure sidebands, and the phasing process involved lengthy field observations of patterns, requiring from a few days to a few weeks.

Likewise, the ratio of sideband current in the carrier loops, to the sideband current in the sideband loops (the quantity  $k_0$ ) is readily adjusted by comparing (by field measurements at one position) the modulation due to radiation from the sideband loops with the modulation from the transmitter. The latter reading is obtained with no radiation from the sideband loops.

The remainder of this two-part article, to appear in the next issue, describes the runway localizer equipment in considerable detail and takes up the various topographical factors affecting the location of the equipment at an airport.

#### APPENDIX I

For the array used, and if the loop currents are  $k_n \cos \omega t$ , the space pattern for the sidebands of one modulation frequency is given by

$$p = K (p_1^2 + p_2^2)^{1/2} \cos (\omega t + \psi) \quad (1)$$

where

$$p_1 \equiv k_0 \cos \alpha \cos \beta_0$$

$$p_2 \equiv k_0 \sin \alpha \cos \beta_0 + a$$

$$a \equiv \sin \beta_1 + k_2 \sin \beta_2 + k_3 \sin \beta_3$$

$$\beta_0 \equiv \delta_0 \sin \theta, \beta_1 \equiv \delta_1 \sin \theta, \text{ etc.}$$

$$\delta_0, \delta_1, \dots \equiv \text{electrical spacing of loops from center of array}$$

$$\theta \equiv \text{azimuth measured from perpendicular bisector of array.}$$

$$k_0, k_2, \dots \equiv \text{relative amplitudes of radiator currents referred to the current in the first sideband pair.}$$

$$\psi \equiv \tan^{-1} (p_2/p_1)$$

$$\alpha \equiv \text{phase of carrier loops relative to sideband loops.}$$

It follows from Eq. (1) that the radiation from the sideband loops is in quadrature with the loop currents. This may be seen by eliminating the terms due to the carrier pair (i.e.,  $p_1 = 0, p_2 = a$ ). This im-

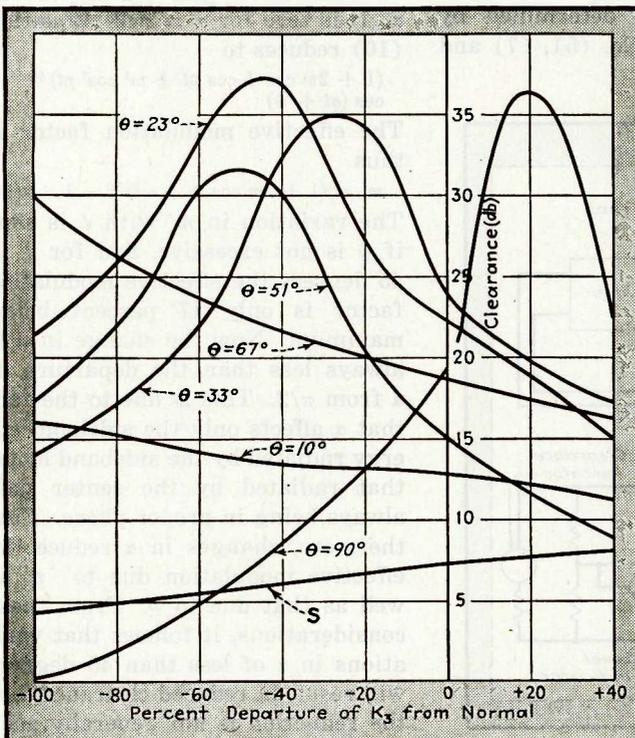
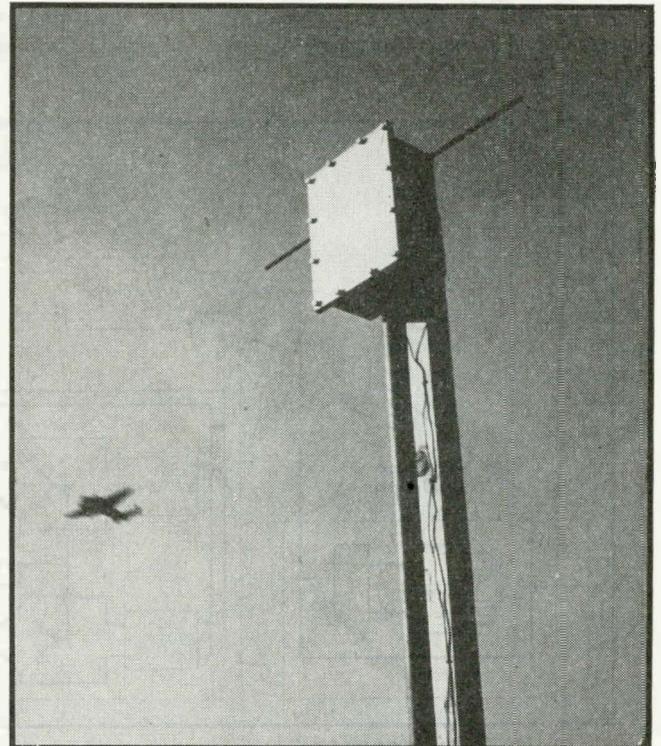


FIG. 11—Variation of clearance with current in outer pair



Localizer field monitor used to detect failure of on-course pattern

mediately results in  $\psi = \tan^{-1}\infty = \pi/2$ . On the other hand, the radiation from the carrier pair is in phase with the loop current since if  $\alpha = 0$ , then  $\psi$  is equal to  $\alpha$ , the original phase of the carrier loop currents. For optimum addition of radiation from these two portions of the array the sideband loops must be fed in quadrature with respect to the carrier loops, i.e.,  $\alpha = \pi/2$ . This optimum phasing may also be deduced by considering the magnitude of  $p$  from Eq. (1). This may be written  $|p| = K (k_0^2 \cos^2 \beta_0 + a^2 + 2ak_0 \sin \alpha \cos \beta_0)^{1/2}$  which is obviously maximum when  $\alpha = \pi/2$  ( $a, k_0$  and  $\cos \beta_0$  being positive).

In any direction  $\theta$ , the sideband signal due to one modulation frequency will be as given above by Eq. (1), while that due to the other modulation frequency will be

$$p' = K (p_1^2 + p_2^2)^{1/2} \cos(\omega t + \psi') \quad (3)$$

where

$$p_2 \equiv k_0 \sin \alpha \cos \beta_0 - a$$

and

$$\psi' \equiv \tan^{-1} (p_2/p_1) \quad (4)$$

The clearance, as defined previously, will then be

$$C = 20 \log (p/p') \quad (5)$$

and the sharpness  $S$  will be the value of  $C$  at  $\theta = 1.5^\circ$ . On course ( $\theta = 0$ ),  $p = p'$  and  $C = 0$ . As  $\theta$  departs from 0,  $C$  increases rapidly and should, preferably, remain as large as possible. Actually, it in-

creases and decreases for different values of  $\theta$ , and there will be some direction, or directions, in which it will have a minimum value (not less than 10 db, however). If, for any reason, the values of  $k$  or  $\alpha$  vary, this minimum value of  $C$  will vary also, though not the positions at which the minima occur. This may be seen by considering the ratio  $p/p'$  on which  $C$  depends:

$$R \equiv (p/p')^2 = \frac{k_0^2 \cos^2 \beta_0 + a^2 + 2ak_0 \sin \alpha \cos \beta_0}{k_0^2 \cos^2 \beta_0 + a^2 - 2ak_0 \sin \alpha \cos \beta_0} \quad (6)$$

Without further manipulation, it is evident from Eq. (6) that for any value of  $\theta$ ,  $R$  approaches unity (and hence the clearance  $C$  approaches zero) as  $\alpha$  departs from the value  $\pi/2$ . At the extreme value  $\alpha = 0$ , the clearance is zero in all directions. Evidently, also, if  $C > 0$  for  $\alpha = \pi/2$ , it will remain greater than zero for all values of  $\alpha$  except  $\alpha = 0$ .

It may also be seen from Eq. (6) that the values of  $\theta$  where  $C$  has minima remain unchanged though the values of the minima decrease as  $\alpha$  departs from  $\pi/2$ . By rewriting  $R$  as

$$R = \frac{g^2 + 2g \sin \alpha + 1}{g^2 - 2g \sin \alpha + 1} \quad (7)$$

it follows that

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial \theta} = \frac{4 \sin \alpha (1 - 2g^2)}{(g^2 - 2g \sin \alpha + 1)^2} \frac{\partial g}{\partial \theta} \quad (8)$$

The values of  $\theta$  where  $C$  has minima (or maxima) are determined by  $\partial C/\partial \theta = 0$ ; from Eq. (5), (7) and

(9) this reduces to  $(1 - 2g^2) \partial g/\partial \theta = 0$ , which is independent of  $\alpha$ .

It is likewise easy to show from Eq. (6) that the positions (but not the values) of minima for  $C$  are independent of  $k_0$  provided  $\alpha = \pi/2$ . This is not true for other values of  $\alpha$ . Figure 9 shows the variation of the values of these minima with  $k_0$ , for  $\alpha = \pi/2$ . Figure 10 shows the variation of these same minima with  $\alpha$ , for  $k_0 = 0.8$  (its normal value).

In considering Fig. 9 and 10, it should be remembered that they refer to the clearance  $C$  as defined by Eq. (5). This clearance so defined depends only on the ratio  $p/p'$  and these are merely the amplitudes of the resultant radiated sidebands. The modulation factors at the two audio frequencies do not necessarily have this same ratio except for  $\alpha = \pi/2$ , in which case the sidebands are in the proper phase with respect to the carrier for all values of  $\theta$ . When  $\alpha \neq \pi/2$  this is no longer the case.

For  $\alpha = \pi/2$ , the radiated carrier and sidebands are

$$\cos qt + m \cos pt \cos qt \quad (9)$$

When  $\alpha \neq \pi/2$ , the sidebands are no longer in phase with the carrier, so to speak, and the expression may be written

$$\cos (qt + \psi) + m (\theta) \cos pt \cos qt \quad (10)$$

where  $\psi$  is the phase shift due to  $\alpha$ . It is zero for  $\alpha = \pi/2$ . Equation (10) reduces to

$$(1 + 2m \cos \psi \cos pt + m^2 \cos^2 pt)^{1/2} \cos (qt + \psi)$$

The effective modulation factor is thus

$$m' = (1 + 2m \cos \psi + m^2)^{1/2} - 1 \quad (11)$$

The variation in  $m'$  with  $\psi$  is slow if  $\psi$  is not excessive, and for  $\psi = 45$  degrees the effective modulation factor is only 17 percent below maximum. Now the change in  $\psi$  is always less than the departure of  $\alpha$  from  $\pi/2$ . This is due to the fact that  $\alpha$  affects only the sideband energy radiated by the sideband loops, that radiated by the center pair always being in proper phase. Furthermore, changes in  $\alpha$  reduce the effective modulation due to  $p'$  as well as that due to  $p$ . From these considerations, it follows that variations in  $\alpha$  of less than 45 degrees will result in reduced clearance, but the reduction is not generally such as to produce points of zero clearance, or apparent spurious courses.

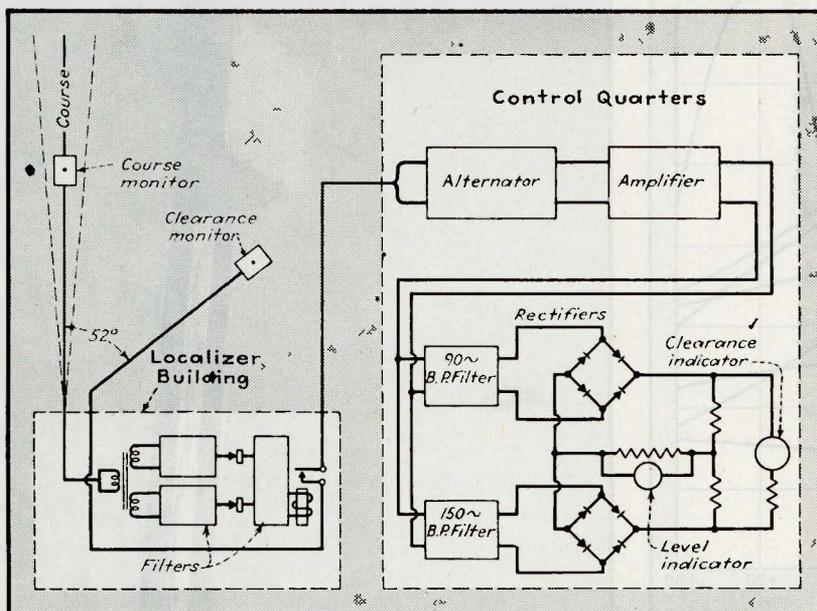


FIG. 12—General arrangement of monitoring equipment with respect to the runway localizer field

# Tubeless Probe for VTVM

R-F circuit loading due to the input admittance of the measuring instrument is reduced by employing a cathode follower in the input circuit of a vacuum-tube voltmeter

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**U**SERS of vacuum-tube voltmeters who have struggled with necessarily bulky vacuum-tube probes in confined spaces will appreciate the value of the arrangement to be described. The circuit is practically as effective as a vacuum-tube probe and has the advantage of permitting the tube to be located some distance away from the circuit under test.

A cathode follower is employed, and is fed through a shielded conductor. The shield is not grounded but is connected directly to the cathode of the tube. The capacitance of the shielded conductor thus is added to the grid-cathode capacitance of the cathode follower, but because of the cathode-follower characteristics this total capacitance does not appear as such at the input terminals. The effective input capacitance at the probe terminals is the total capacitance between grid and cathode multiplied by a reduction factor which by proper design may be 0.01.

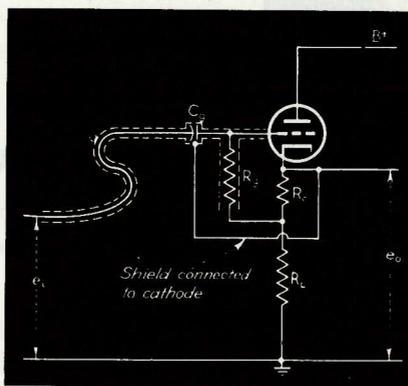
## Circuit Theory

The chief characteristics of the cathode follower are low input capacitance, high input resistance, and low output impedance. These are given as  $C_i = \alpha C_o$ ,  $R_i = R_o/\alpha$ ,  $Z_o = A/G_m$  where  $C_o =$  total effective capacitance between grid and cathode of the tube,  $R_o =$  effective grid-cathode resistance,  $A =$  gain of

the circuit, and  $\alpha = 1 - A = \frac{e_i - e_o}{e_i}$ , a number less than unity.

An analysis of the circuit will show that the gain

$$A = e_o/e_i = \frac{1}{1 + 1/\mu + 1/G_m Z_L}$$



Cathode-follower circuit for use in vtvm to eliminate the tube in the test probe

and the reduction factor  $\alpha = 1 - A = 1/\mu + 1/G_m Z_L$  approximately, if  $\mu$  and  $G_m Z_L$  are large. Large values of  $\mu$  and  $G_m$  thus are desirable in order that  $\alpha$  may be small.

The output impedance of the cathode follower is its cathode-to-ground impedance, and its value from the equivalent circuit is  $A/G_m$ , assuming the source impedance to be small as compared with the actual grid-cathode impedance. This also is the impedance of the shield to ground. The larger the  $G_m$ , therefore, the smaller is this value. Although the shield is not directly grounded, its impedance to ground nevertheless will be low. The effective input resistance, at the probe terminals, is the actual grid-cathode resistance multiplied by the reduction factor  $1/\alpha$ .

## Operating Values

A circuit of this type, which the writer has found useful at frequencies up to several hundred kilocycles, employs a type 6SF5 high- $\mu$  triode operating under the conditions:  $E_p = 100$  v;  $I_p = 0.4$  ma;  $E_g = -1$  v.

With circuit constants as follows:  $E_b = 200$  v;  $C_o = 1000$   $\mu\mu\text{f}$ ;  $R_o = 10$  megohms;  $R_c = 2500$  ohms;  $R_L = 250,000$  ohms.

The published values of  $\mu$  and  $G_m$  for these conditions are respectively 100, and 1150 micromhos, giving a value of  $\alpha = 0.013$ . Hence the two-foot length of 60- $\mu\mu\text{f}$ -per-foot shielded cable used as an input lead should appear as a shunt capacitance of only  $2 \times 60 \times 0.013 = 1.6$   $\mu\mu\text{f}$ . With total grid-cathode resistance of 5 megohms, the apparent shunt input resistance is  $5/0.013 = 380$  megohms.

The measured input impedance of this circuit was found to be approximately 5  $\mu\mu\text{f}$  in parallel with 300 megohms at frequencies from 1 cps to 500,000 cps, the difference between 5  $\mu\mu\text{f}$  and 1.6  $\mu\mu\text{f}$  being accounted for as the grid-to-ground capacitance within the tube. The voltage gain is about 0.98.

## Limitations

The chief limitation of the high frequency operation of this circuit is the cathode-ground capacitance, since this must be considered as shunting the cathode resistor for the purpose of evaluating  $Z_L$ . The high frequency limit evidently may be extended by using a tube having a higher transconductance and requiring a lower value of cathode resistor. The low frequency limit may be extended by increasing the value of  $C_o$ .

The cathode-to-ground impedance of the tube appears relatively low even for a source impedance as high as several megohms, and hum pickup is much reduced as compared with an unshielded lead. For low-level measurements, a double-shielded cable may be used, the inner shield being connected to the cathode and the outer one to ground. With the double shield, the cutoff value will be constant and independent of location but it will be lower because of the increased cathode-to-ground capacitance.

# MVTV **A Photoelectric**



Calibrating the phototube amplifier

Optical system of sensitive galvanometer operates amplifier which has sufficient output to operate a recording meter. Feedback from amplifier to galvanometer eliminates necessity for damping resistor and reduces galvanometer deflection by mechanical vibration

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**T**O MEASURE voltages as low as one microvolt a phototube amplifier has been developed for use with a sensitive galvanometer and an electronic recorder. The galvanometer deflection acts optically on a twin phototube to produce an unbalance which is amplified so that it is measurable by means of the recorder. A feedback circuit to the galvanometer reduces the effect of vibration. Under good conditions readings on the one-microvolt range can be duplicated within  $\pm 0.75$  percent.

As an example of the application of this instrument, in the petroleum and rubber industries infrared radiant energy is used for spectroscopic analysis of hydrocarbons. In the majority of such analytical equipment, transmitted radiation falls upon a thermocouple or thermopile setting up an electromotive force of the order of 10 microvolts or less.

Measuring such a small emf under industrial conditions requires a detecting device which is sensitive yet sturdy. The recorder used with the detecting device should also be sturdy and have a wide, easily read scale which is linear with the thermocouple emf. A sufficiently sensitive detecting device

cannot directly operate a reliably sturdy recorder.

### Galvanometer and Recorder

The galvanometer with which the amplifier is designed to be used is a Leeds and Northrup type 2500 which has a sensitivity of 0.32 mi-

crovolts per mm at one meter, a coil resistance of 11.5 ohms and a period of 5 seconds. Although the critical damping resistance is 52 ohms, none was necessary because of the damping of negative feedback from the amplifier. This galvanometer represents a compromise between sensitivity and ease of adjustment. A more sensitive galvanometer can be used to greater advantage in some instances, employing a larger negative feedback for the microvolt deflection. However, more time is required for the adjustment of the more sensitive instrument.

The lamp used with the galvanometer has a straight vertical coiled filament. The beam of light from this filament is focused, by means of a lens in the lamp housing, on the cathodes of the twin phototube of the amplifier, the beam having been first reflected at the mirror of the galvanometer. The two cathodes of the phototube are separated by a space of  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch. The image of the filament is wide enough to straddle this space and to cover a strip on each cathode about  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch wide.

The meter used as an indicator of emf is a Brown Electronic strip chart potentiometer recorder, which

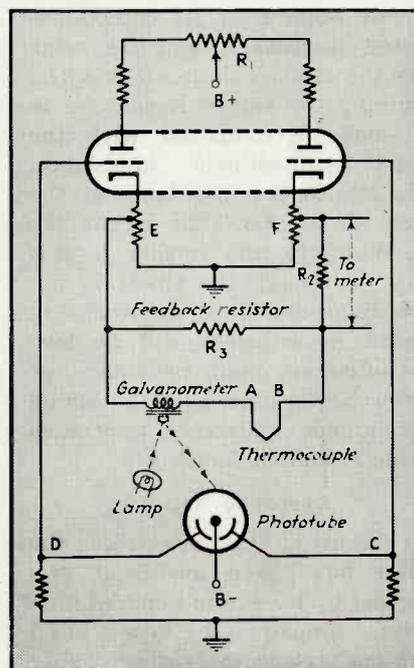


FIG. 1—Basic phototube amplifier circuit

# Galvanometer Amplifier

has proved to be highly satisfactory for use with the phototube amplifier. No noticeable zero drift exists and its readings are reliable within  $\pm 0.25$  percent of full scale deflection. The model used has a span of 4 millivolts. The time required for full scale travel of the pointer is 11 seconds, but this can be reduced by changing the gear reduction of the balancing motor.

## Phototube Amplifier

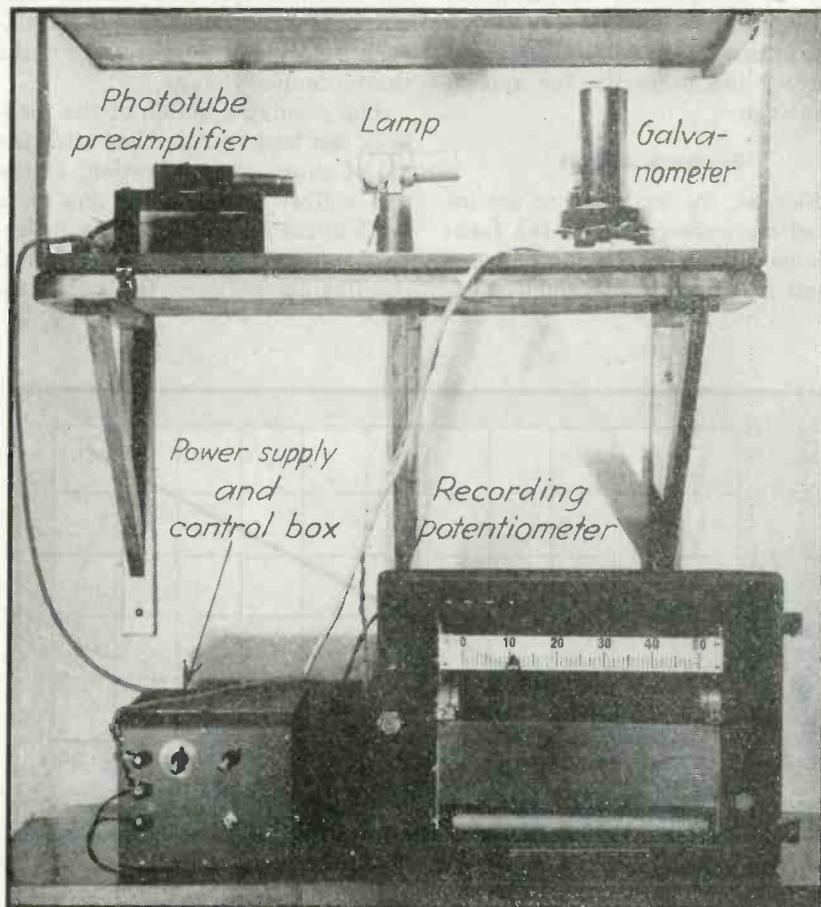
The amplifier is built in two units. A control box contains the control knobs, selector switch, all the resistors in the measuring and amplifier circuits and the power pack.

In the vacuum-tube unit are mounted the triodes of the amplifier and the twin phototube. A projecting light shield prevents scattered light from affecting the phototube. When the system is in operation, the galvanometer, vacuum tube unit and lamp are enclosed in a box to keep the temperature uniform and to reduce further the effects of stray light on the phototube.

The operation of the phototube amplifier is illustrated by Fig. 1, a simplified diagram of the circuit. When there is no emf across the thermocouple terminals AB, the galvanometer coil is undeflected. Light from the lamp strikes the galvanometer mirror and is reflected to the twin phototube. The optical alignment of the lamp, galvanometer and phototube is adjusted so that the same amount of light falls on each cathode of the twin phototube.

The phototube load resistors are equal, and therefore the potential at points C and D are equal. To make points E and F equal in potential the two sections of the duotriode are balanced by  $R_2$ .

The measuring circuit is across



The phototube amplifier is the connecting link between a sensitive galvanometer and an electronic recorder. The optical system comprising the lamp, galvanometer mirror and phototube of the amplifier is best enclosed to eliminate stray light and temperature variations

points E and F. Whenever these two points are at the same potential, no current flows around this loop. The meter, which records the voltage drop across  $R_2$ , consequently reads zero.

When the equipment is in use in spectroscopic analysis, radiation falls on the thermocouple, raising its temperature and producing a small emf. This emf causes the galvanometer coil to deflect through a small angle. The resultant deflection of the light beam reflected from the galvanometer mirror then illuminates a greater area of one cathode of the phototube than of the other. The resulting unbalance in potentials at C and D is proportional to the thermocouple emf if

the light beam is not deflected beyond that position where its edge just fails to strike one of the cathodes.

This difference in potential results in a like difference in potential at the grids of the duotriode. These changes in grid voltages, being amplified without distortion, produce a difference of potential between E and F which is proportional to the thermocouple emf. The potential difference between E and F is large enough to produce a drop across  $R_2$  sufficient to actuate an electronic potentiometer recorder.

A sensitive galvanometer such as the one used here ordinarily responds to every type of mechanical

disturbance unless a vibration-absorbing mounting is provided. In this circuit feedback is used to keep the galvanometer coil steady in spite of mechanical disturbances and changes in line voltage which exist in practically all locations and to avoid the necessity for special mountings.

### Feedback Circuit

Thus far, the analysis has not included a consideration of the feedback used. Current flowing between E and F through the small feed-

back resistor  $R_8$  introduces a small potential drop into the galvanometer circuit. This small potential is so directed that it is opposite to the thermocouple emf at AB. The circuit is so designed that this feedback voltage is 90 percent of the thermocouple voltage.

The steadying action of the feedback can best be described with the aid of an assumed vibration. If the coil suffers a deflection due to a mechanical disturbance, the deflection upsets the optical-electrical equilibrium between the two cath-

odes of the photoelectric cell. The difference of potential between points C and D is amplified, causing a current to flow through the measuring circuit which includes the feedback resistor  $R_8$ . The feedback voltage is of a polarity that opposed the assumed coil deflection and is within 10 percent of the voltage-equivalent of that deflection, and therefore prevents excessive deflection and holds the coil near its null position.

### Complete Circuit

In reducing the theoretical design of the phototube amplifier to a practical unit it was necessary to adapt the basic circuit to a multiple range circuit, reduce zero drift to a minimum, obtain maximum sensitivity and to secure constant calibration.

The basic circuit was changed to measure thermocouple emf in 4 ranges: 0-20 microvolts, 0-8 microvolts, 0-4 microvolts and 0-1 microvolt. A schematic wiring diagram, Fig. 2, shows the final circuit. Eight resistors were inserted in the measuring circuit to provide the required ranges. Each range is determined by a pair of resistors, one in series with the feedback resistor, and the other shunting the two in series as shown. The computation of the values of the resistors which determine the ranges was based on the following considerations:

- (1) Output voltage regardless of the range is proportional to angular deflection of the galvanometer coil.
- (2) The reflected light has just reached the position where it illuminates only one cathode of the phototube when the output meter to be used with this unit has reached full scale.

(3) The feedback voltage is at least 90 percent of the thermocouple emf.

Condition 2 means that the photoelectric unbalance is a maximum within its linear limits, and that at this unbalance four millivolts is obtained across  $R_{14}$ .

### Precautions to Assure Stability

Reduction of zero drift was effected by eliminating as far as possible the sources of stray thermal emf in the measuring and galvanometer circuits. Spurious emf is

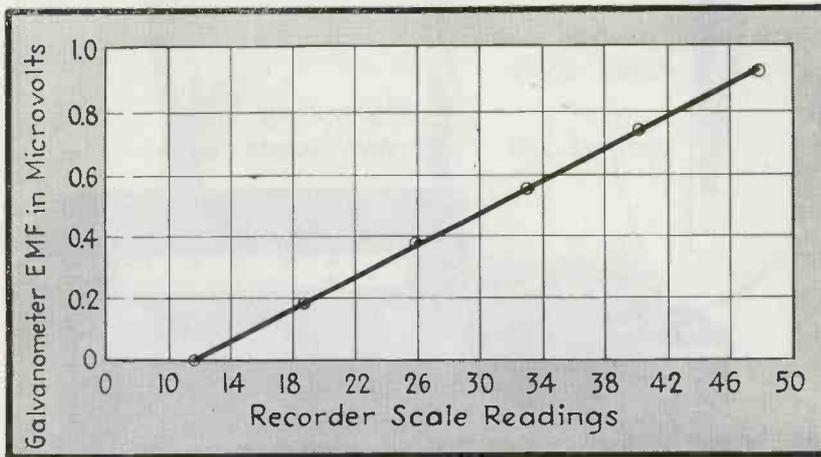


FIG. 3—Comparison of calibration over a period of four days illustrates instrument stability

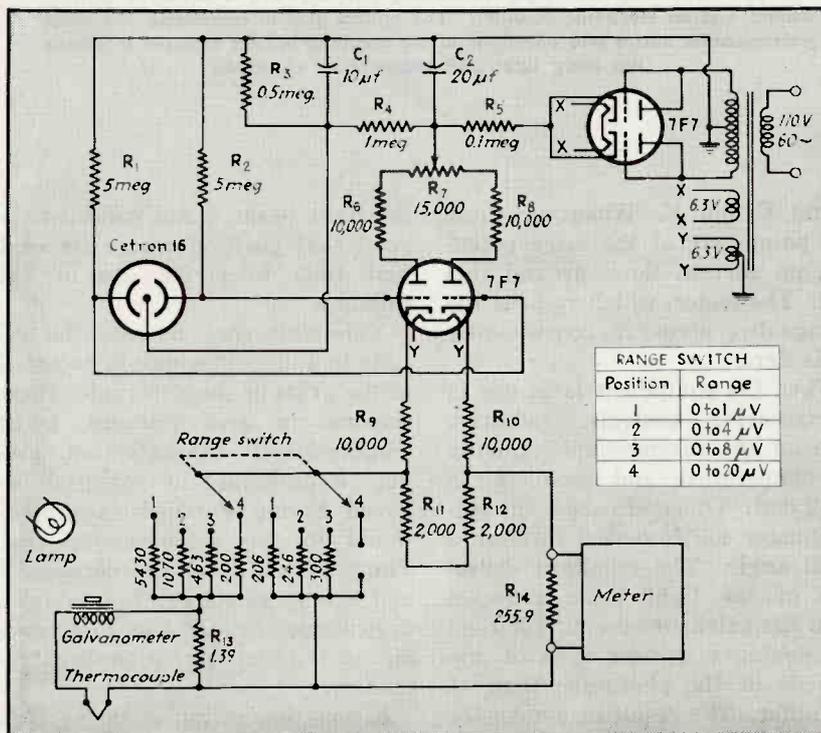


FIG. 2—Complete circuit showing component values for a four-range amplifier

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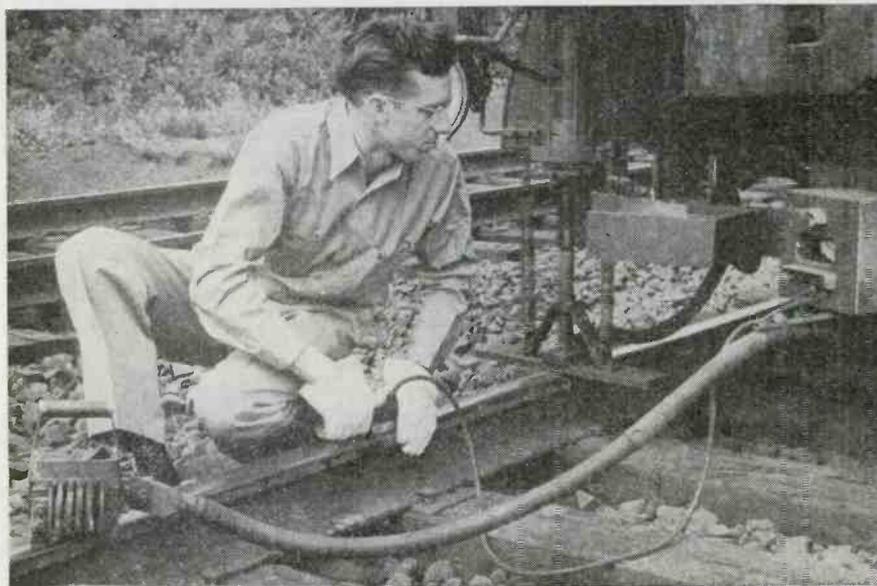
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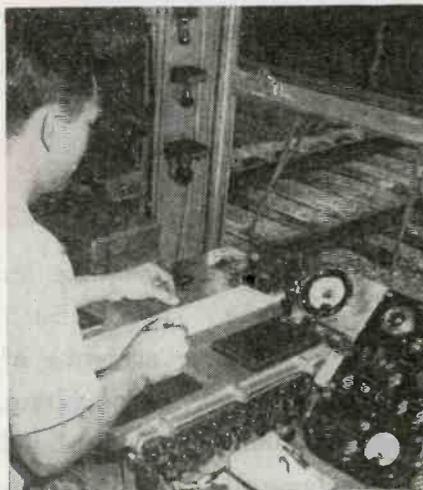
## Mobile Testing of Railroad Rails



When a rail is suspected of having a defect, white paint is sprayed from the moving car on the tracks. As shown above, an additional test probe of the electronic equipment is then used to find the exact location

TRACKAGE OF AMERICAN and Canadian railroads is tested with electronic equipment operated by Sperry Rail Service. These rail-fissure detector cars checked about 165,000 miles of rail in 1943 and their findings resulted in replacement of nearly 100,000 defective rails.

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Tape in the recording unit of the rail fissure detector is watched by a technician on the special electronically equipped car moves along the railroad tracks

and location, are clearly indicated by distinctive marks caused by breaks in electrical current passing through the rail and picked up by the search unit which is attached to the underside of the car.

A fleet of 17 detector cars works from dawn to dusk on a seven-day schedule. Each car is a self-contained unit carrying a crew of five men, and has complete living facilities, including cook's galley, shower bath and sleeping quarters. They travel from coast to coast, as far north as Hudson Bay, Canada, and as far south as Bakersfield, Calif.

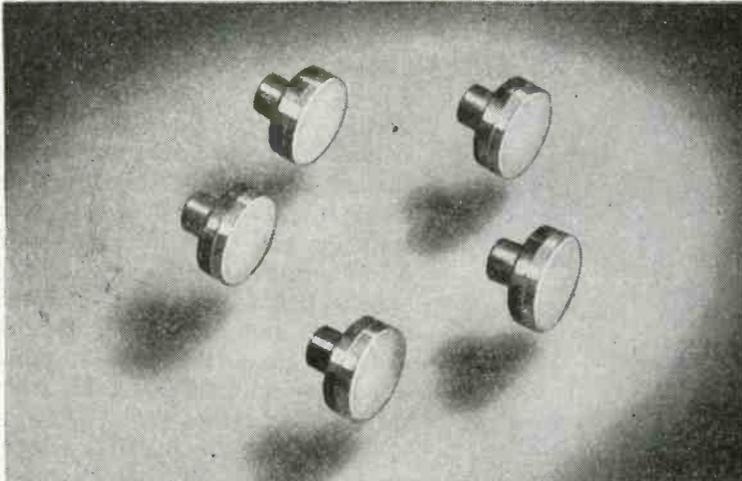
## Hopper Control for Ore Crusher

AUTOMATIC CONTROL of ore crushers, to keep the machines operating continually at the peak load corresponding to maximum efficiency, is being done in the mining industry by two distinctly different types of electronic control units. In one installation, a microphone is positioned alongside the crusher, and connected to an amplifier and relay combination that controls the conveyor feeding ore into the machine. When the noise level drops to a point indicating that the crusher is running almost empty, the electronic ear detects the condition and calls for ore to be fed into the hopper.

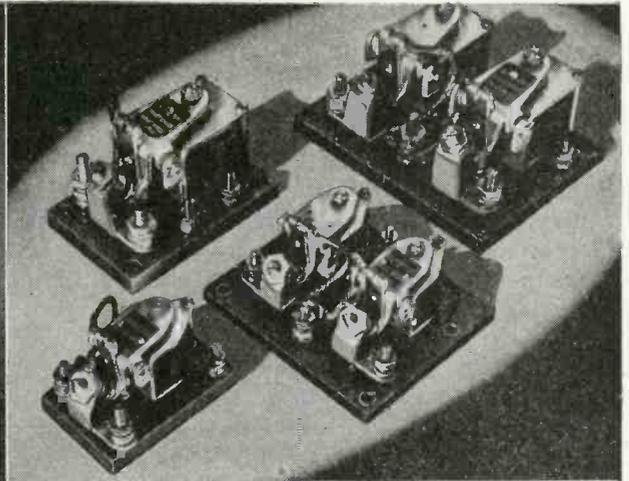
A second company uses a phototube arrangement to monitor the amount of electric power drawn by the electric motor which drives the crusher. This power consumption is high when the crusher is fully loaded, and drops as the machine empties. A light source and phototube are mounted over a wattmeter in such a way that the meter pointer interrupts the light beam when the power drops. The phototube feeds an amplifier-relay combination controlling the ore feed mechanism.

## Temperature Control in Aircraft

ELECTRONIC ANTICIPATION of temperature requirements by automatic electronic cabin temperature control system has been in test service on several airlines and combat use on Army transport ships for some time. The complete sys-



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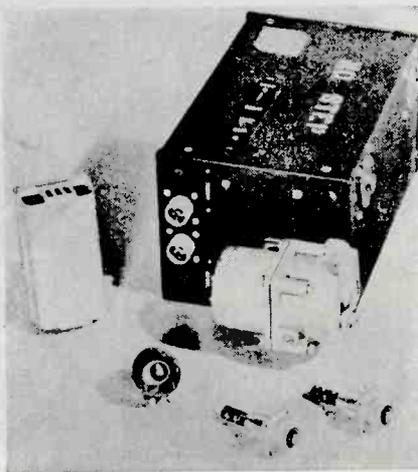
**ELECTRICAL CONTACTS AND CONTACT ASSEMBLIES**

tem is shown in the drawing as developed by Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Company for the C-54.

Numbers (1) and (5) in the drawing are safety switches and valves which automatically cut off the flow of gasoline to the heaters if the fuel line breaks. At (2) is an air ram switch which automatically guards against operation of the heaters until sufficient forward speed is obtained to drive enough air over the heaters for adequate combustion. Numbers (3) and (8) are outside air compensators which actually turn the aircraft heaters on before a need for heat is detected within the cabin. At (4) is a control switch, installed in the cockpit, which selects the temperatures desired. Number (6) is an amplifier, which can be installed anywhere in the plane, and (7) is a cabinstat, installed in the space to be heated.

The new control system is a package unit weighing slightly under eight pounds, and is designed to hold automatically any cabin temperature selected by the pilot. To passengers, this means comfortable conditions under all kinds of flying weather, and to pilots and stewards it means an end to passenger complaints and the nuisance of constantly making adjustments of manual controls.

The new control system is connected to the master control switch



Units of the temperature control system. The electronic amplifier and infinite position motor which connects to the dampers of the plane's heaters are in the large cabinet. At left is the cabinstat, and at lower right are the outside air compensators which sense temperature changes and signal the amplifier that controls the motor delivering heat into the cabin

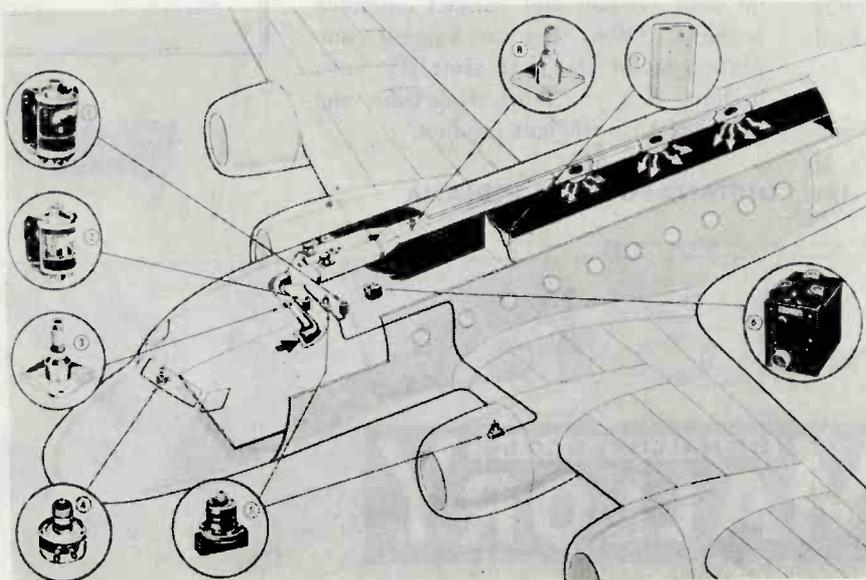
in the cockpit and is automatically turned on when the pilot starts the engines. Unless heat is required immediately, the heating system remains inoperative until outside temperatures fall to a point requiring the addition of heat for passenger comfort. At this point, the heating system starts delivering heat to the cabin in the exact amounts needed to maintain the pre-selected temperature — usually 70 degrees.

The system includes an outside air compensator, which is a small

coil of wire installed in the duct bringing outside air into the plane's heaters. Temperature fluctuations change the electrical resistance of the wire and this change is measured through electronic tubes. When the tubes learn from the coil that the outside air is colder or warmer, as the case may be, they actuate a motor which opens or closes a mixing damper and thus proportions the amounts of outside air with heated air from the plane's heaters.

The system also includes a thermostat in the cabin which interprets temperatures and notifies the tubes which, getting signals from both coils, position the mixing damper to maintain the selected inside temperature. The latter is determined by a small dial mounted in the cockpit.

If a plane takes off while ground temperatures are at 70 degrees, no cabin heat is required, but as it climbs, outside temperatures usually drop. The outside compensator notices this drop immediately and tells the tubes which, in turn, start delivery of heat to the cabin. Passengers are not conscious of the outside change, however, because of the reservoir of heat in the cabin. Before this heat is lost to the outside, making the passengers uncomfortable, heat comes into the cabin in the exact proportion needed to maintain a constant and comfortable temperature. The reverse is true when the plane moves into warmer temperatures, because while the inside cabinstat calls for heat, the outside coil knows that less heat will be required and so less heat is delivered.



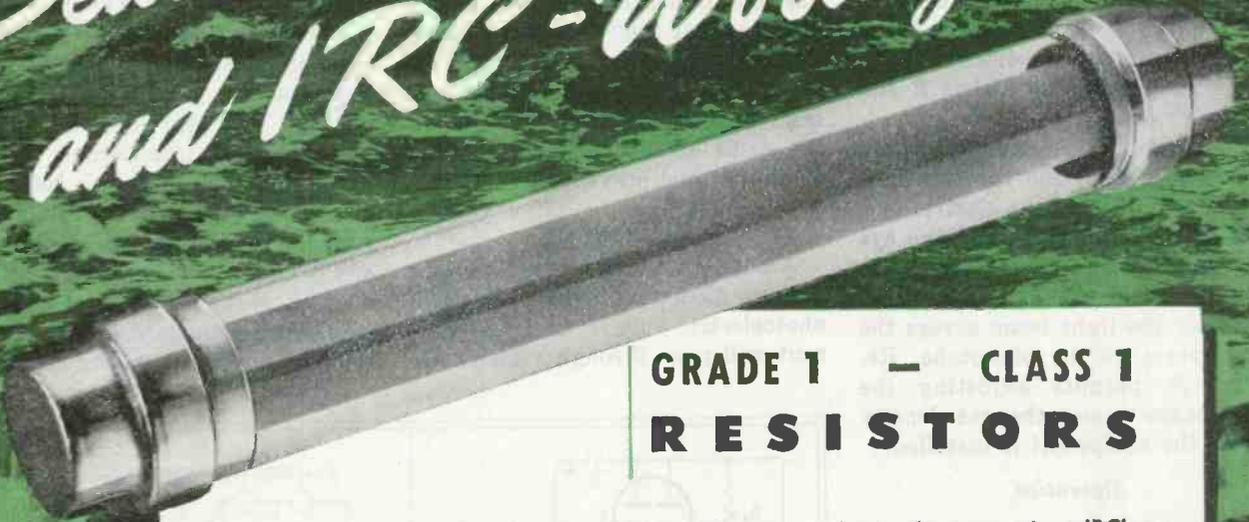
Illustrating the location of units of the Minneapolis-Honeywell electronic cabin temperature control system for planes, as installed on a C-54

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gineering Co. of Philadelphia. In this equipment, the eye box is installed at the point of observation in the stack and contains a double diode tube  $E$ , a double triode  $E_1$ , and a phototube  $P$ . In the control panel unit there are two thyratron tubes  $E_2$  and  $E_3$ , a double diode  $E_4$ , and two signal lights, a red one  $R$  and an amber one  $A$ .

Control of the equipment centers in two switches, one for the light source and one for the electric eye. Assume both the light and the eye switches closed. Transformer  $T_1$  supplies about 5 amp at 6-v to the lamp for the light beam across the gas stream to the phototube. Resistor  $R_1$  permits adjusting the light beam to suit the gas density where the equipment is installed.

#### Operation

A tap taken between resistors  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  puts a negative potential on grid  $G_1$  of tube  $E_1$ . With normal conditions in the stack, potentials on grids  $G$  and  $G_1$  are equal. Tube  $E$  also charges capacitors  $C$  and  $C_1$  to the polarity shown.

Assume that polarity of the line reverses to that indicated. With this line polarity, rectifying tube  $E$  becomes inactive because its anodes are now negative. However, capacitors  $C$  and  $C_1$  were charged on the previous half cycle. Capacitor  $C$  discharges through tube  $P$  and resistor  $R_2$  to maintain grid  $G$  negative. Capacitor  $C_1$  discharges through resistors  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  to maintain a negative potential on grid  $G_1$  of tube  $E_1$ .

A voltage drop across resistor  $R_7$  puts a negative potential on grid  $G_2$  of tube  $E_2$ , through part of resistor  $R_7$  and resistor  $R_{10}$  and also through the left-hand half of  $T_1$ , transformer secondary, resistors  $R_{11}$  and  $R_{10}$ . A negative potential is applied in the same way to tube  $E_3$  through a similar circuit. Tubes  $E_2$  and  $E_3$  are inactive during this half of the cycle because their anodes are made negative through lamps  $R$  and  $A$ . For the same reason, tube  $E_1$  is inactive during the next half of the cycle, but capacitor  $C_2$  was charged on the half cycle just considered and it discharges through resistor  $R_8$  to maintain the grids of tubes  $E_2$  and  $E_3$  negative.

With normal gas conditions in the stack, the pointer of the indicat-

ing-meter  $M$  takes a vertical position. Currents flowing in the two halves of transformer  $T_1$  are in opposite directions and when these currents are equal, as with normal gas conditions, they neutralize each other so that they do not produce a flux to energize the secondary winding. Under these conditions, tube  $E_1$  impresses a negative potential on the grids of tubes  $E_2$  and  $E_3$  of a value that just prevents them firing.

#### Heavy Smoke

Assume that the stack gases darken, then less light will reach photoelectric tube  $P$  and less current will pass through resistor  $R_2$ ,

needle to the left of midposition and show the amount stack gases have darkened.

If the stack gases become more clear than normal, showing the presence of too much excess air, then current flow through the phototube increases. This increases the potential on grid  $G$  and reduces current flow through the right-hand part of transformer  $T_1$  primary. This permits the left-hand end of the primary to establish the secondary potential which is opposite to that for gas more dense than normal. Now the grid of tube  $E_1$  is made less negative and it fires to light amber lamp,  $A$ . Less cur-

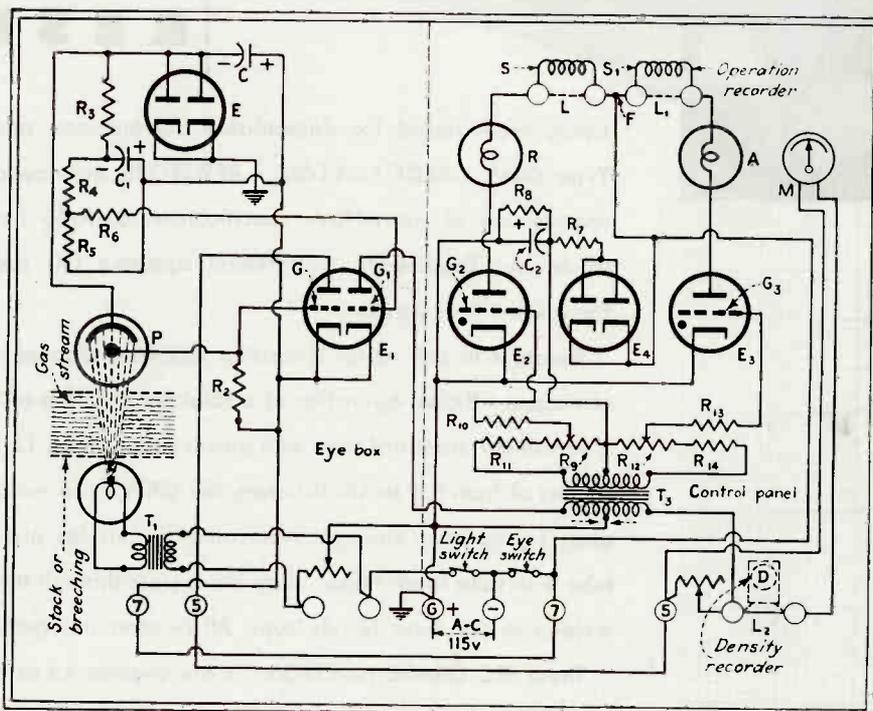


FIG. 1—Complete electronic circuit of a smoke density indicator. Recording equipment may be used with the unit to show the length of time the smoke is off-color or the density of the gases

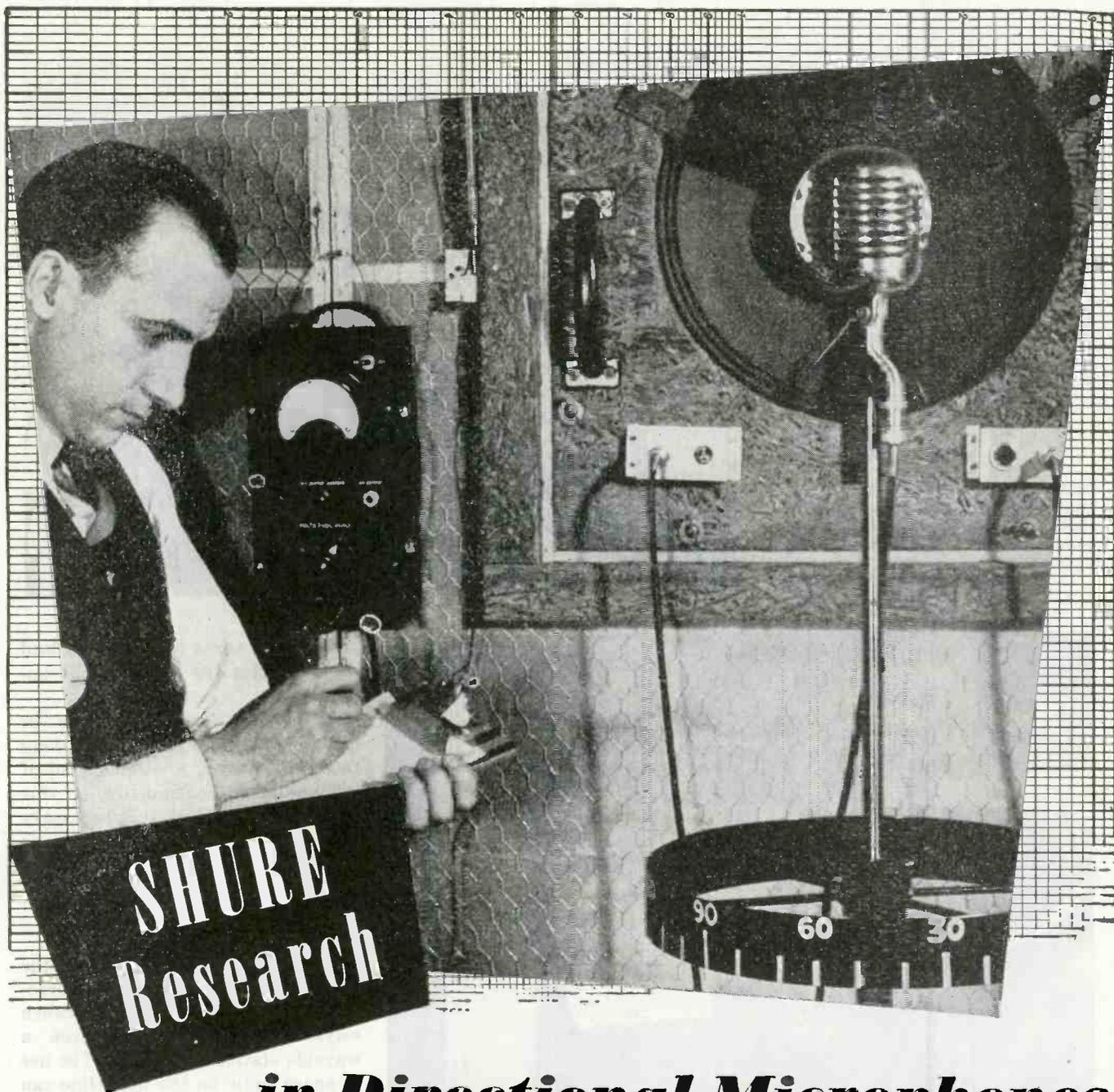
causing a reduction in negative potential on grid  $G$ . This lets more current flow to the left-hand anode than to the right-hand one, which in turn permits more current to flow in the right-hand side of transformer  $T_1$  primary than in its left-hand side. As a result, a voltage is induced in the secondary of this transformer that makes the grid of tube  $E_2$  less negative and that of tube  $E_3$  more negative, and tube  $E_2$  fires to light red lamp  $R$ .

When terminal  $G$  becomes negative, more current also flows through indicator  $M$  to deflect its

rent also flows through meter  $M$  and its pointer swings proportionally to the right to show the amount the stack gas is under color.

#### Recording

Either one of two recorders may be used. When an operation recorder is used, links  $L$  and  $L_1$  are removed, and then the lamp circuits are through the recorder's coils,  $S$  and  $S_1$ . When the red lamp lights, coil  $S$  is energized. Lighting the amber lamp makes coil  $S_1$  active. This recorder shows only that the stack gas is off color and for how



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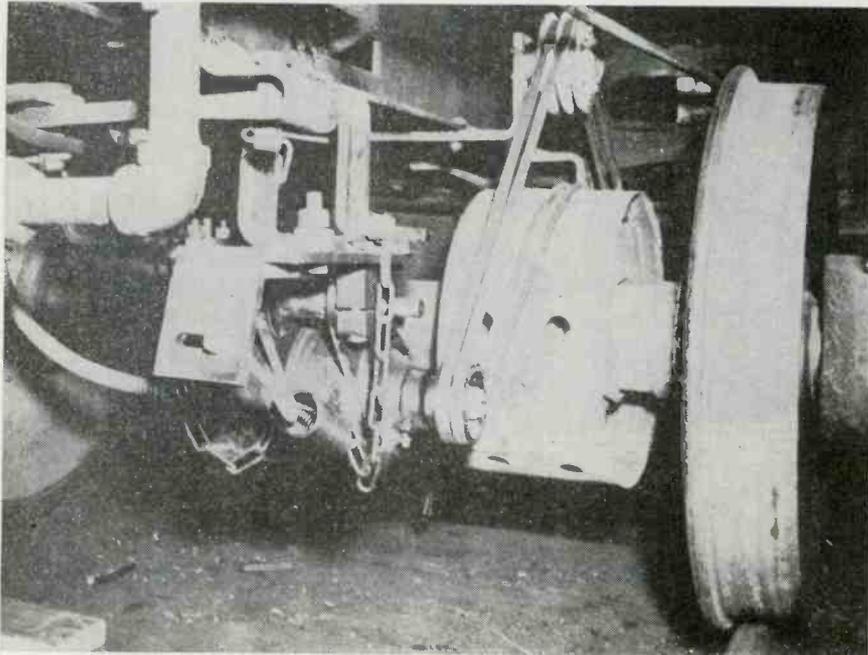
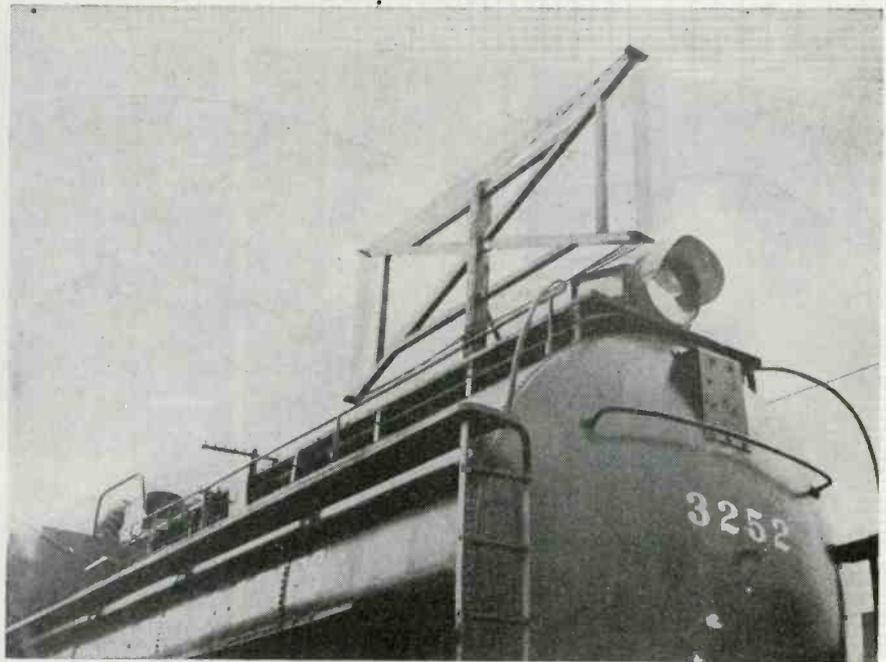
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long it is off color, but does not record the density of the gas. To use a density recorder, *D*, remove link *L*<sub>2</sub> to put *D* and *M* in series. *D* records the amount the stack gas is off color and in what direction, that is, it records the amount needle of meter *M* is deflected, and the direction of its movement.

RIGHT—The loop antenna for induction to the wayside wires is mounted on the locomotive

BELOW—Power for the electronic equipment used by Aireon in caboose installations is supplied by a 24-volt battery. Charging is accomplished by a generator belt-driven from the caboose wheel



## Carrier Current versus Space Radio for Railroads

AS A RESULT of a survey of electronic equipment used by various railroads, engineers of Aireon Manufacturing Company have found that the induction type of carrier current communication may not always be applicable for all aspects of railroad radio. The sole limitation, when one exists, is in the head to rear end circuit. This is due to the fact that two magnetic coupling links are involved, i.e., rear end to wayside wires and wayside wires to head end. A loss factor of about

20 db is involved in each of these magnetic jumps.

Failure of the head to rear end circuit to operate at full efficiency is due to one of the following reasons:

1. The non-existence of wayside wires, and inability to provide such facilities due to physical limitations.
2. Spacing between wayside wires and track too great for practical induction communication, i.e., spacing in excess of 200 feet.

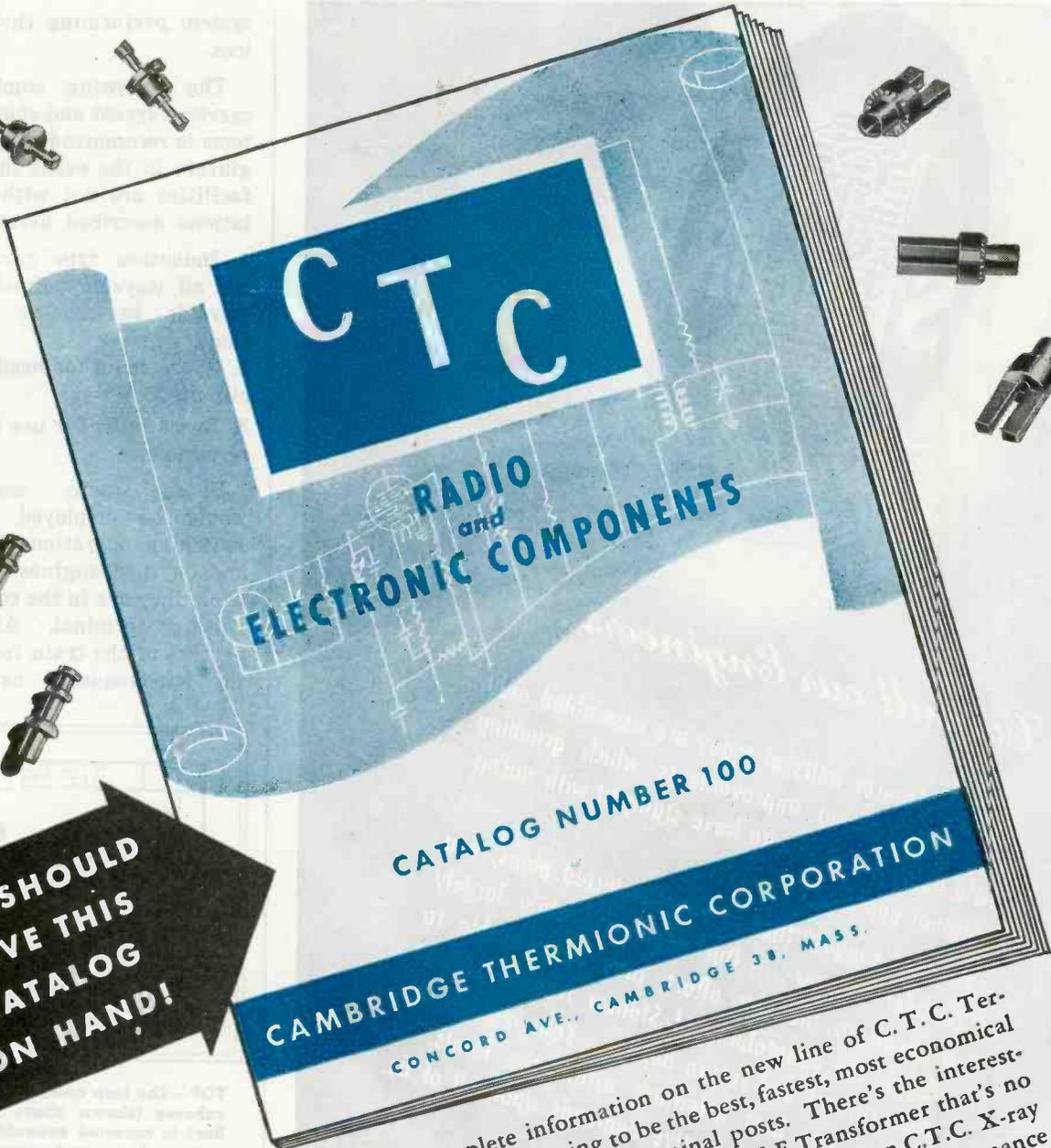
3. Wayside wires contained in lead sheath cables for considerable distances.

In general, corrections can be made by adding a single wire along the right-of-way, to augment all of the possible discontinuities. If this is found impractical, it is necessary to consider the use of 100 percent space radio or a combination of induction type and radio.

### *Use for Each*

It is generally agreed that the induction system is the most practical for communication between wayside stations and between a wayside station and train. The use of space radio on the main-line can be confined to end-to-end communication, except the possibility of using space radio for wayside contacts about certain sections of track where wire facilities are not suitable. The only possible alternative to the induction system for wayside operation is a vhf relay link. This has serious disadvantages, as follows:

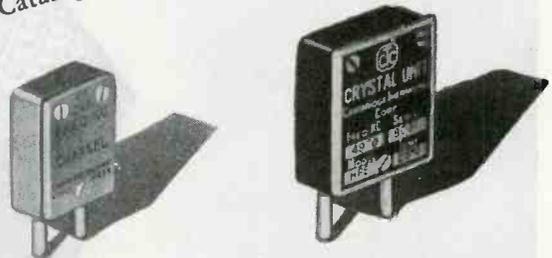
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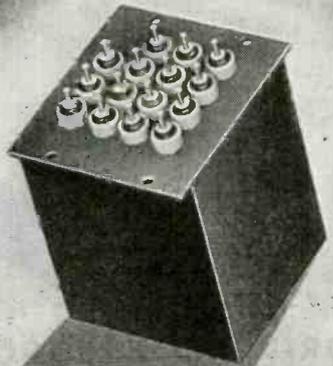


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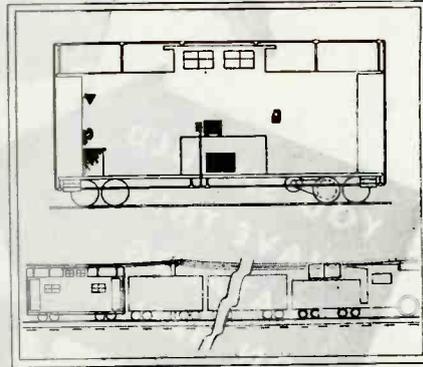


system performing the same services.

The following combination of carrier current and space radio systems is recommended by Aireon engineers in the event that wire line facilities are not within the limitations described heretofore:

1. Induction type carrier system for all wayside point-to-point and wayside to caboose communications.
2. Space radio for head to rear end circuits.
3. Space radio for use in yards and terminals.

Space radio communication would be employed during the switching operations in the yards and on road engines and cabooses while they are in the confines of the yard or terminal. After the departure of the train from the yard, the low-frequency carrier equip-



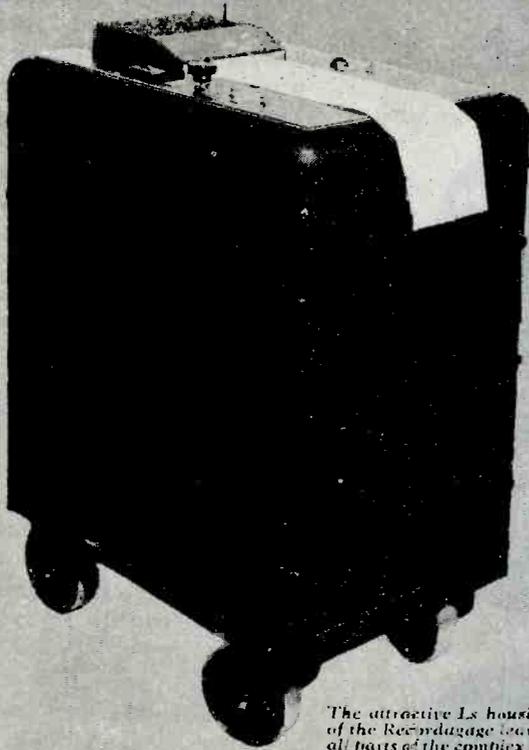
**TOP**—The loop antenna for an all-metal caboose (shown above by the heavy line) is mounted externally around the entire caboose and supported by stand-off insulators. The location of the other units is also shown

**BOTTOM**—Antenna installations on caboose and engine tender for induction to the wayside wires. On the Kansas City Southern, Aireon equipment is installed on 5 cabooses, 5 locomotives and 22 wayside stations

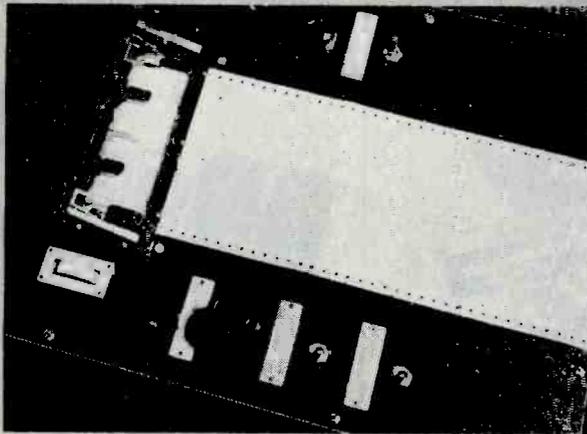
ment would be employed as soon as the train entered the main-line, where wayside wire facilities are available. In most cases, these wayside wires would be at trackside before the train was out of the range of the vhf yard equipment thereby permitting 100 percent communication between the train crew with some yard or wayside office from terminal to train of the train's run.

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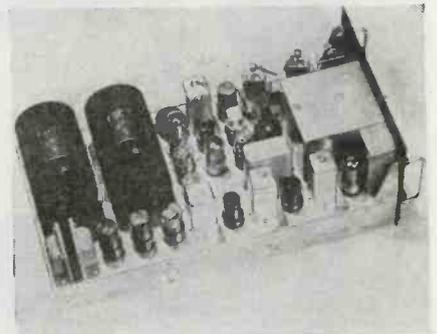
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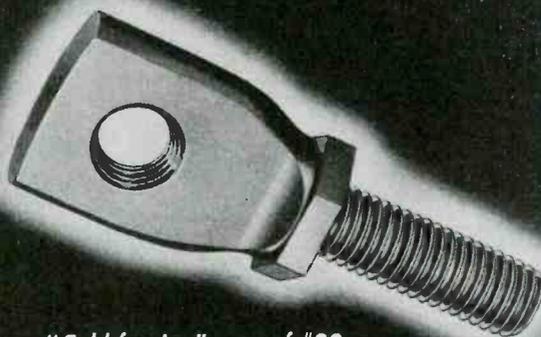
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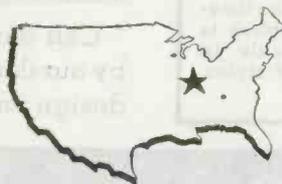
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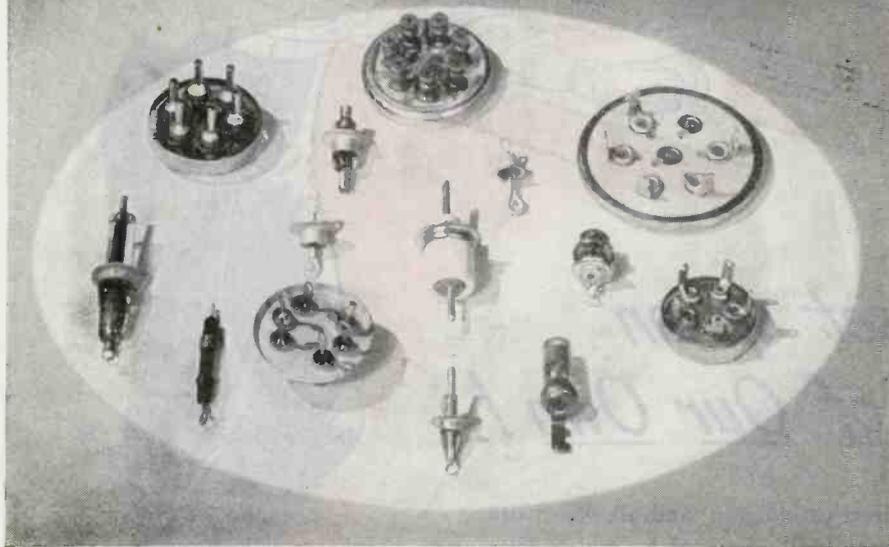
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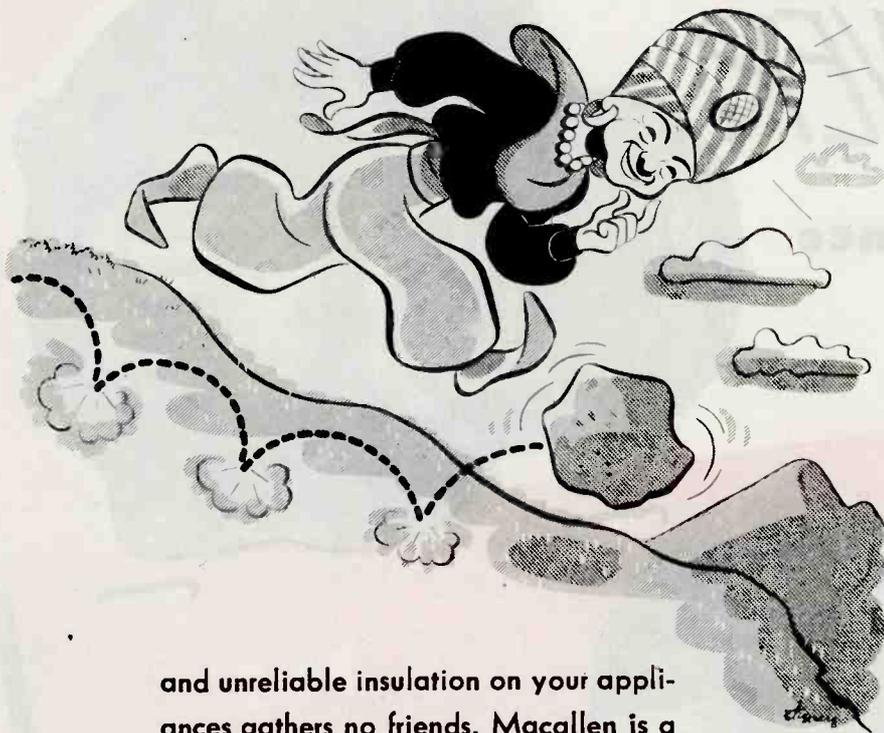
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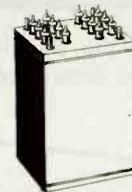
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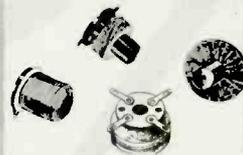
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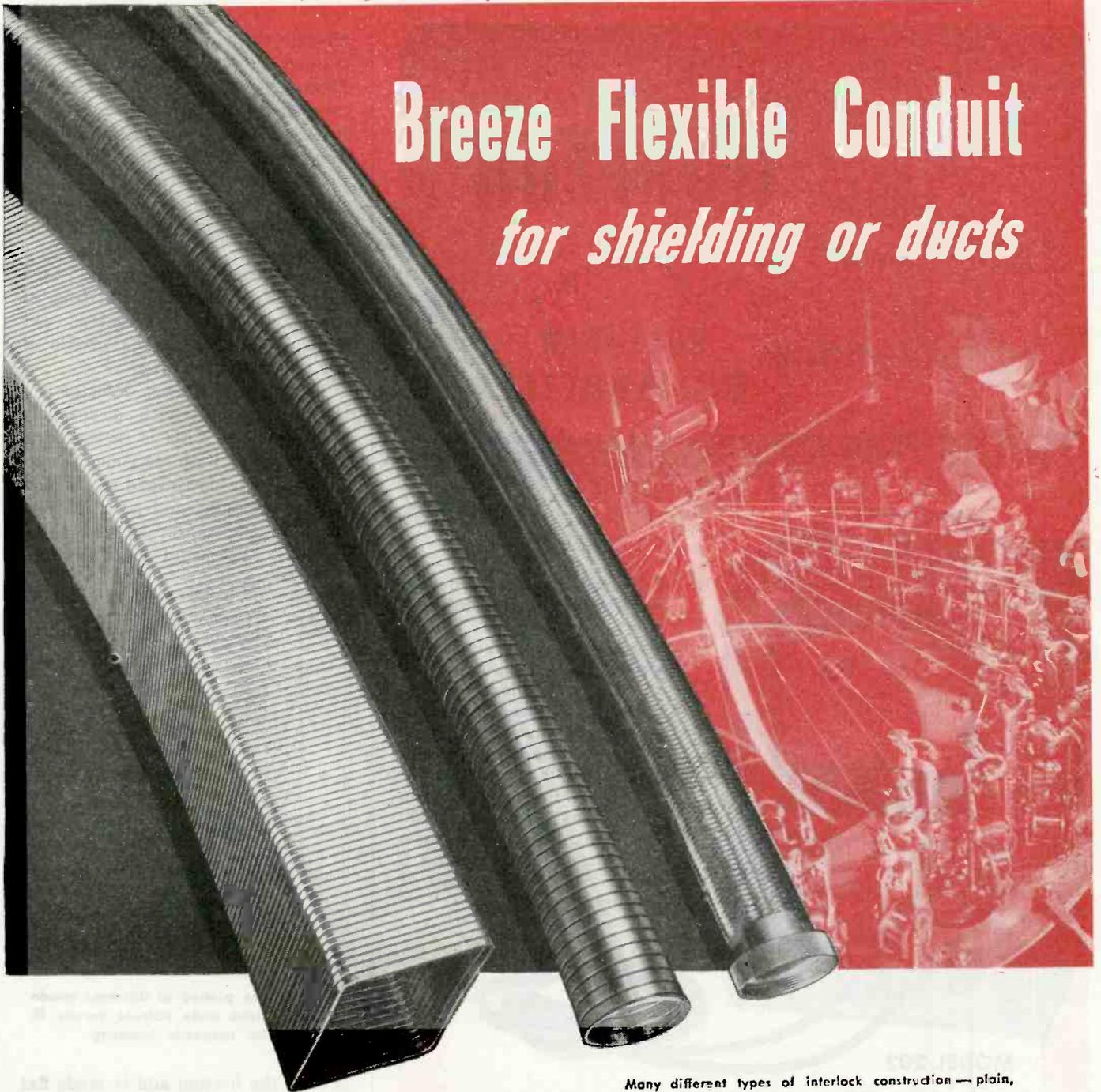
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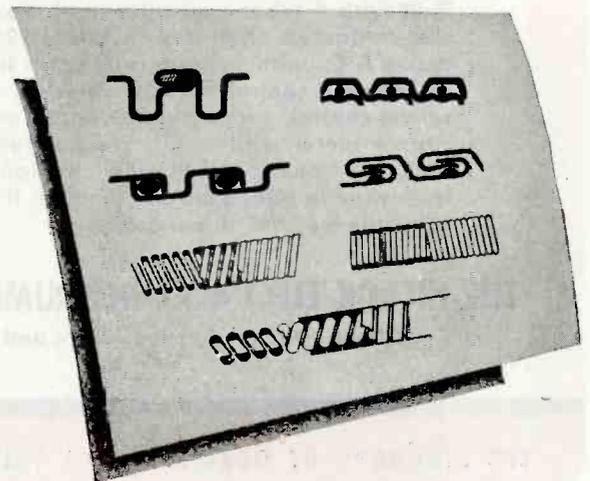
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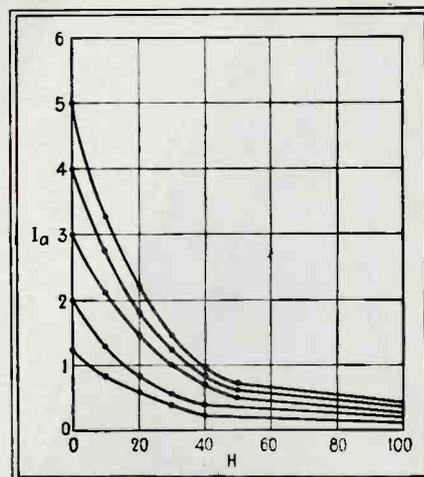
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circuit when acted upon by the magnetic dispersion field over the flaw. Operating speed of this arrangement was low, however, and a faster detector was sought that would shorten the time that a section of track was out of use and allow testing at working speeds so as to simulate operating conditions of stress, etc.

An electronic detector has been developed that permits testing at speeds of 10-25 kilometers per hour, depending on the profile of the track.

This new inertialess detector is a thermionic tube with a specially shaped anode. This is in the form of a cylinder with its concave surface pointing downward to the bottom of the tube, and with the filament in the center of the semi-cylinder. The usual top of the tube



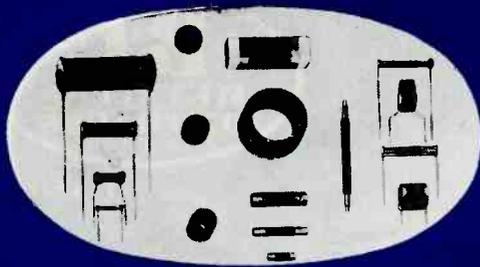
Four curves plotted at different anode voltages for anode current versus H, the magnetic intensity

is thus the bottom and is made flat to allow the heating wire to approach as closely as possible to the glass without causing injury. To increase sensitivity, the tube is connected to an electronic amplifier.

In the testing technique, the rail is subjected to a permanent magnet, an electro-magnet, or a powerful current. The tube, enclosed in a special protective frame, is placed on the part to be tested perpendicular to the filament.

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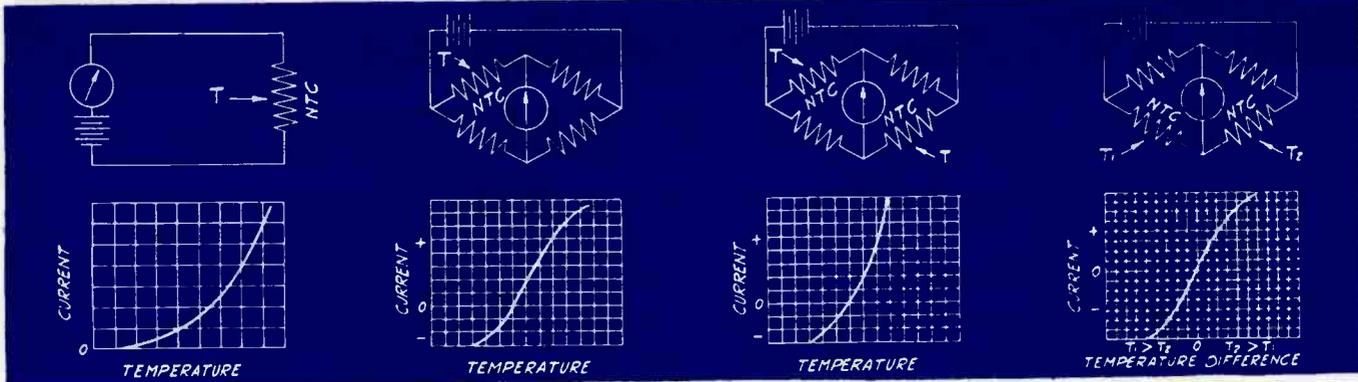
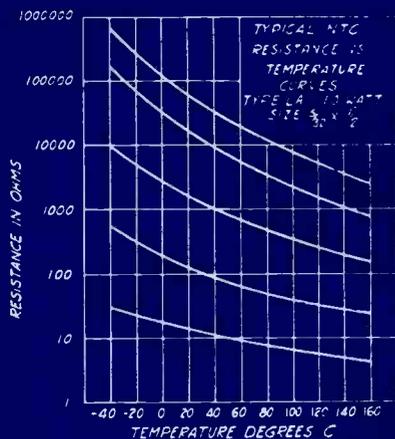


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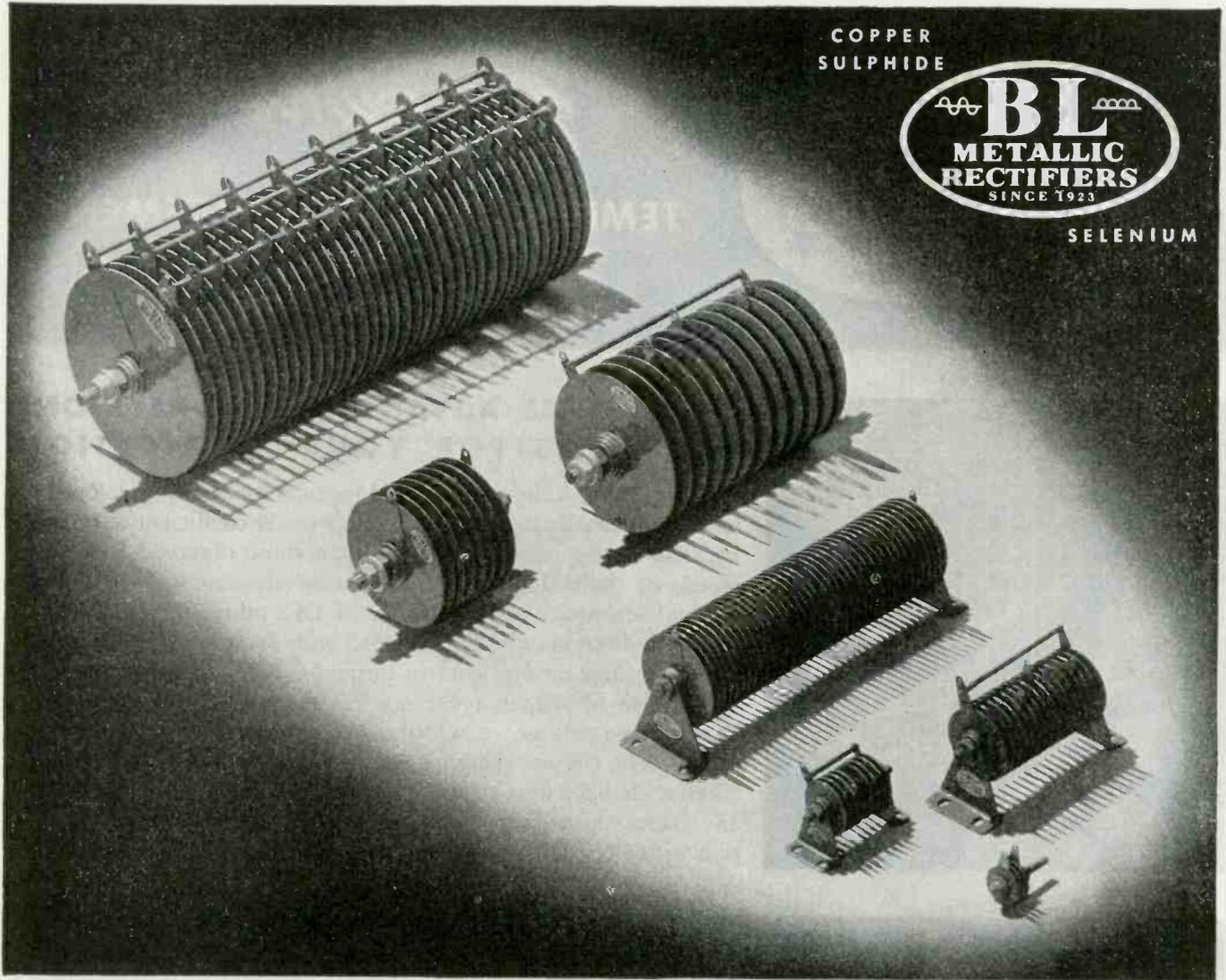
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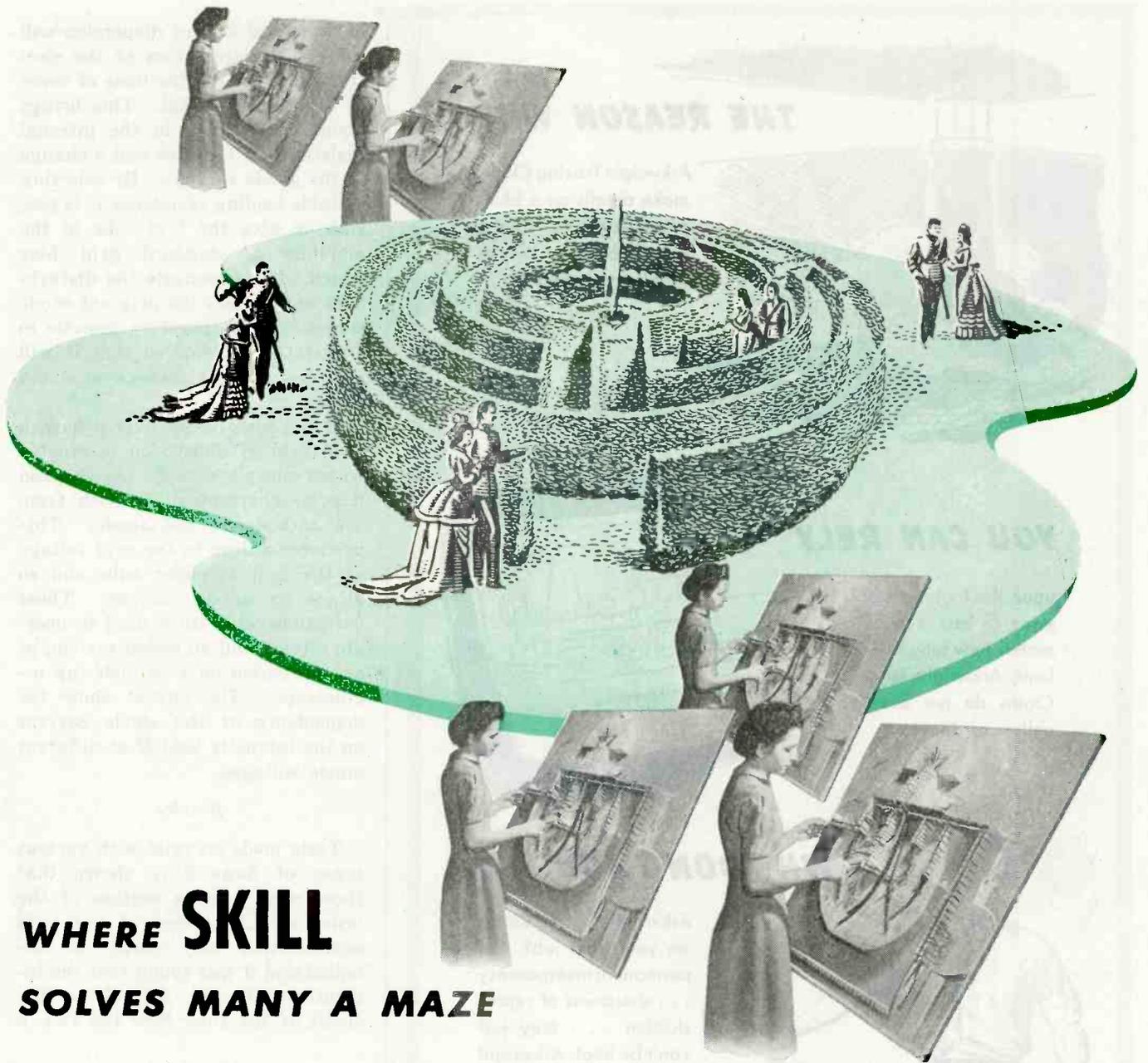


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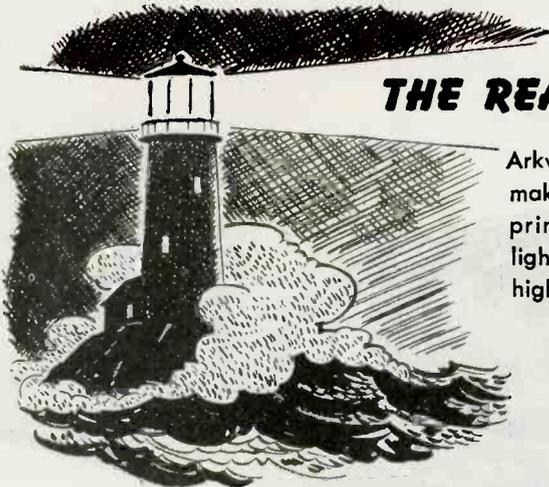
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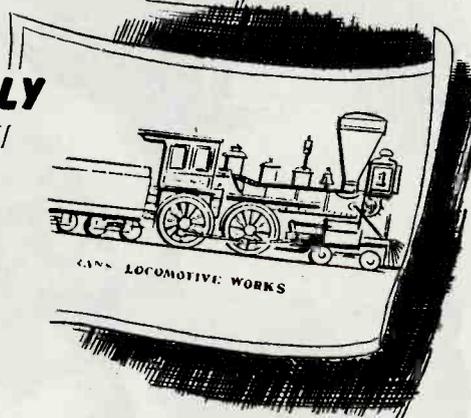


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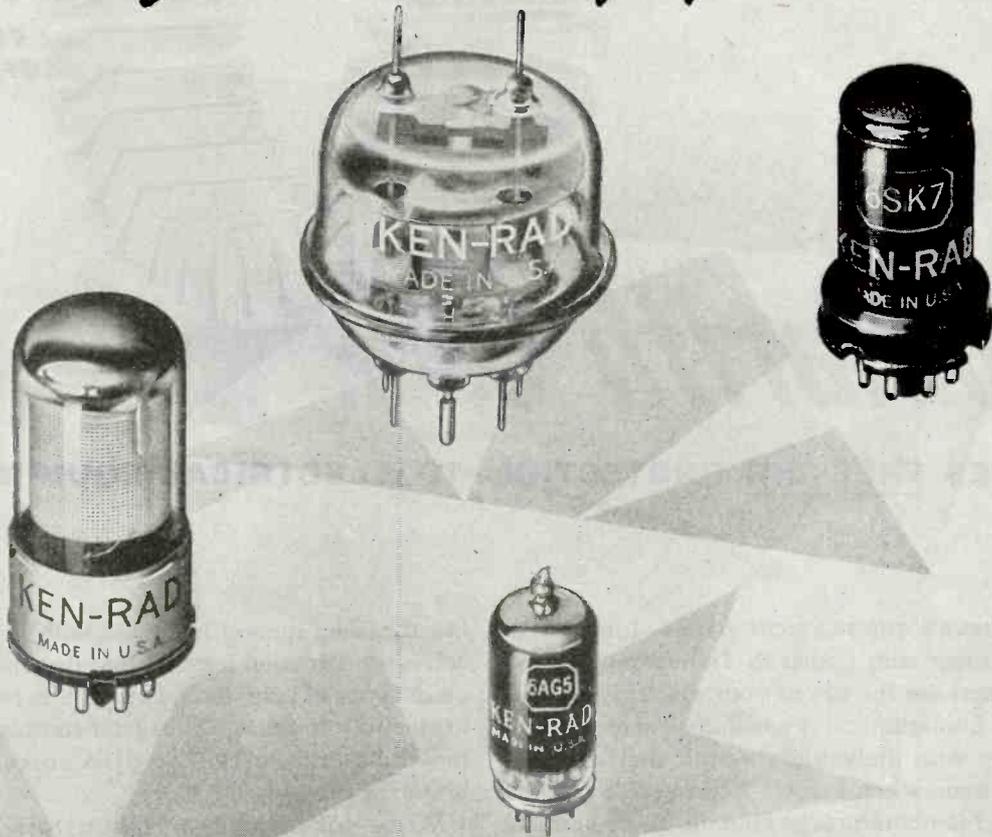
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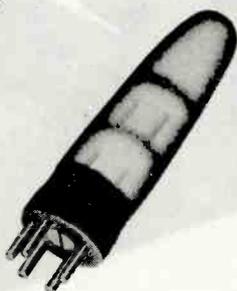
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By DANIEL SCHULMAN

IN MANY INDUSTRIAL applications of phototubes and photocells, some consideration must be given to undesirable modulation of the light source by the lamp current. To eliminate this condition, one method is to excite the lamp used as the light source by means of power from an a-f or r-f oscillator instead of from the usual 60-cycle supply line. In certain industrial control applications, this is done so that response is had by the control equipment to only one lamp in a group, the proper frequency being selected by a band-pass filter in the phototube amplifier.

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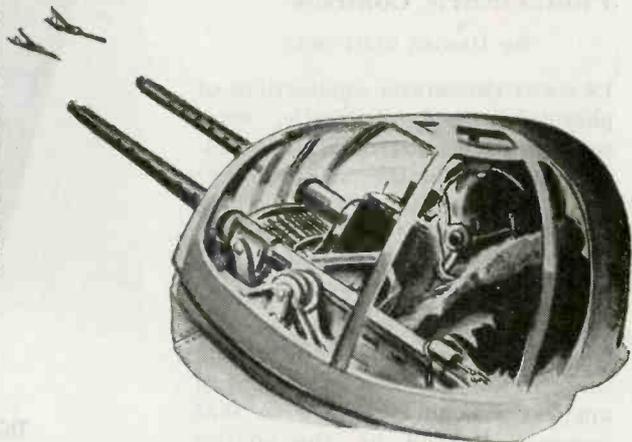
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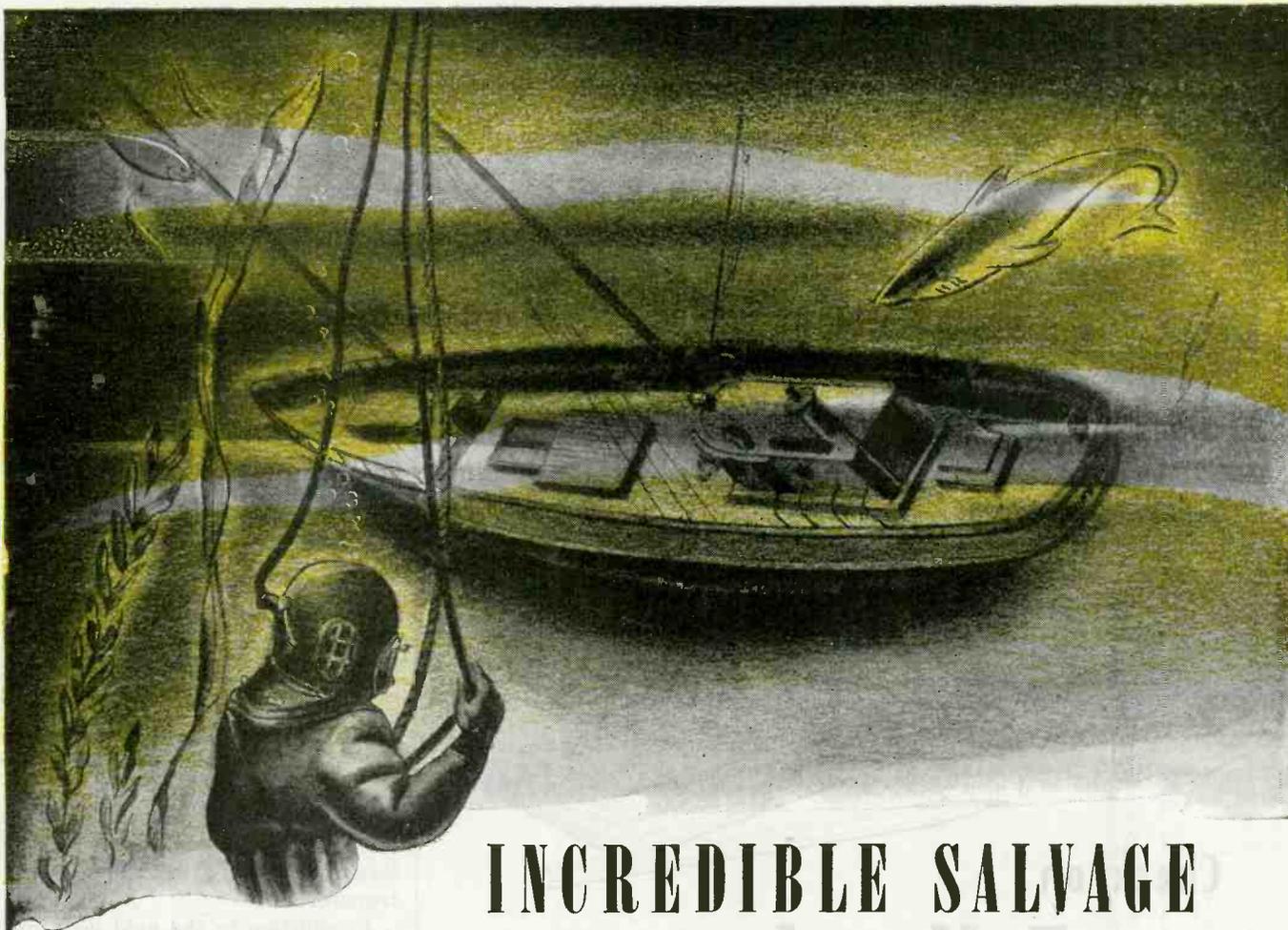
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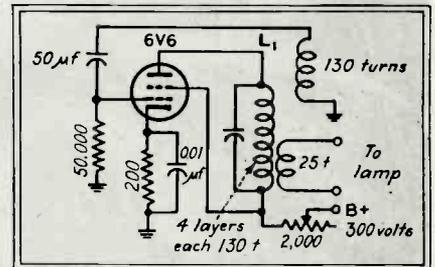


Fig. 1—Circuit of self-excited oscillator for supplying current to a 6-watt exciter lamp

is quite important since excessive plate current would call for a larger and more expensive power transformer.

In addition to the grid leak bias there is shown a self-biasing resistor. Should the exciter lamp burn out, the tube might cease to oscillate and the cathode resistor would bias the grid and hold the plate current down to a normal value. This is necessary so that the tube will not be damaged. The 0.01- $\mu$ f capacitor places the cathode effectively at ground potential. The variable rheostat in the plate circuit will vary the brilliance of the lamp.

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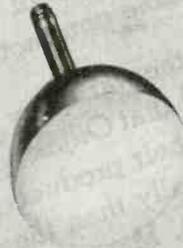
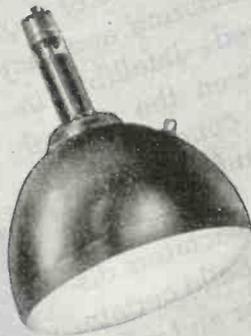
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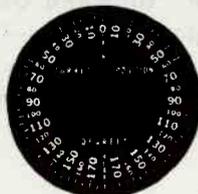
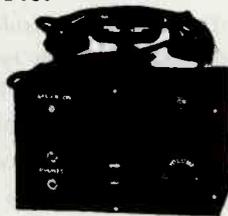
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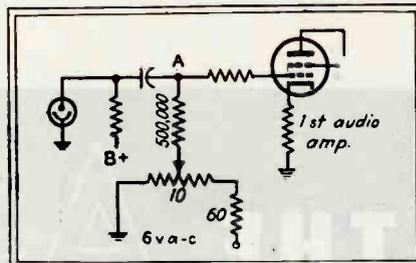


Fig. 2—Balancing arrangement for overcoming the effect of 60-cycle modulation of a light beam

tial must be properly phased in the  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  network to give proper cancelation. Reversing the secondary or primary leads of the power transformer will give the proper phase. This system has the advantage of being economical but requires frequent adjustment and also affects the frequency response.

#### Filter Circuit

Figure 3 shows a high-pass filter arrangement that is commonly used. Attenuation of the low frequencies will start at 350 cycles with the values indicated, and at 60 cycles the hum modulation is at an acceptable level. It is desirable to have the hum level 45 decibels

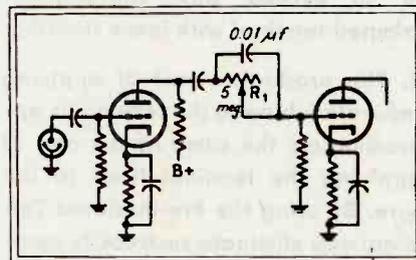
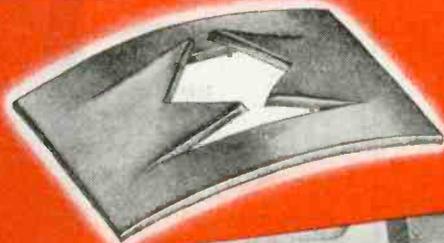


Fig. 3—This high-pass filter circuit satisfactorily attenuates frequencies below 350 cycles

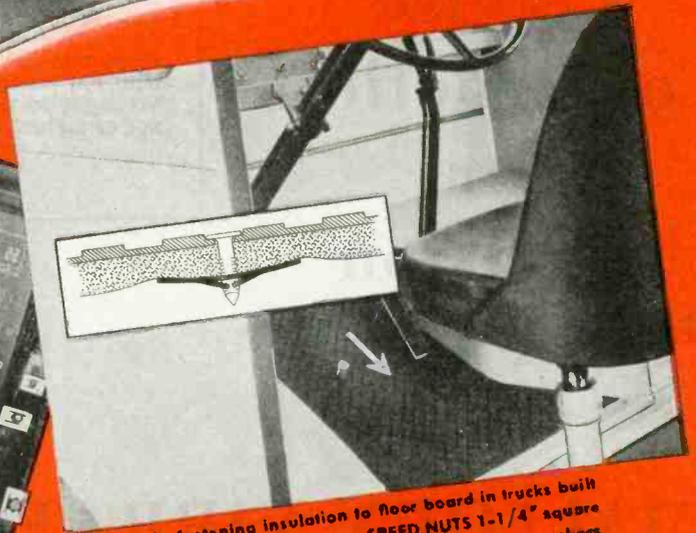
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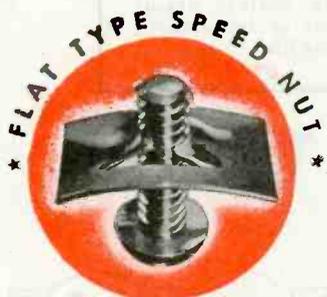
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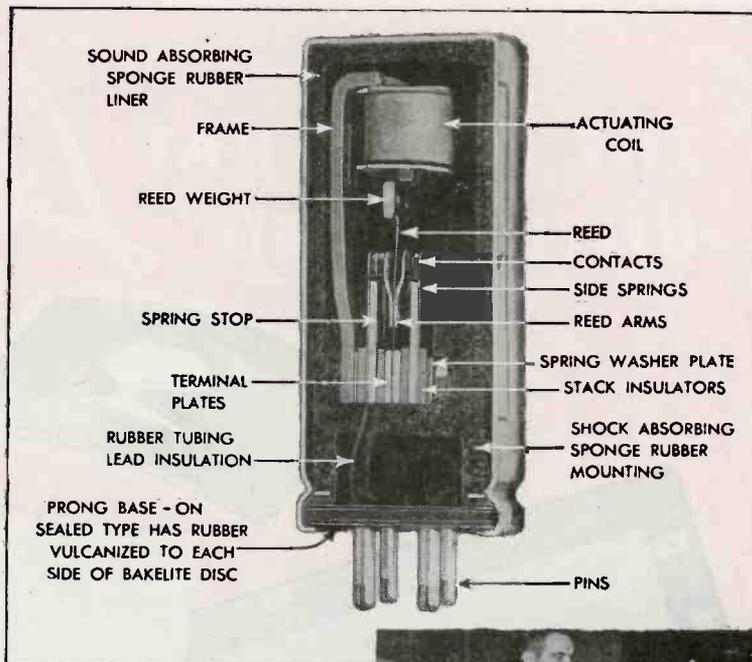
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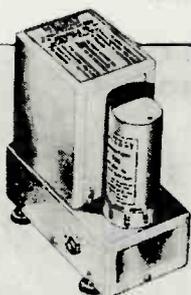
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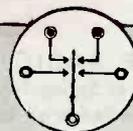
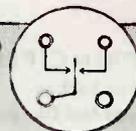
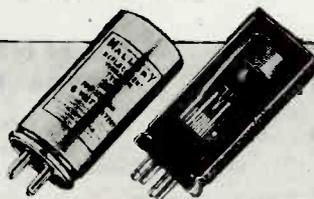
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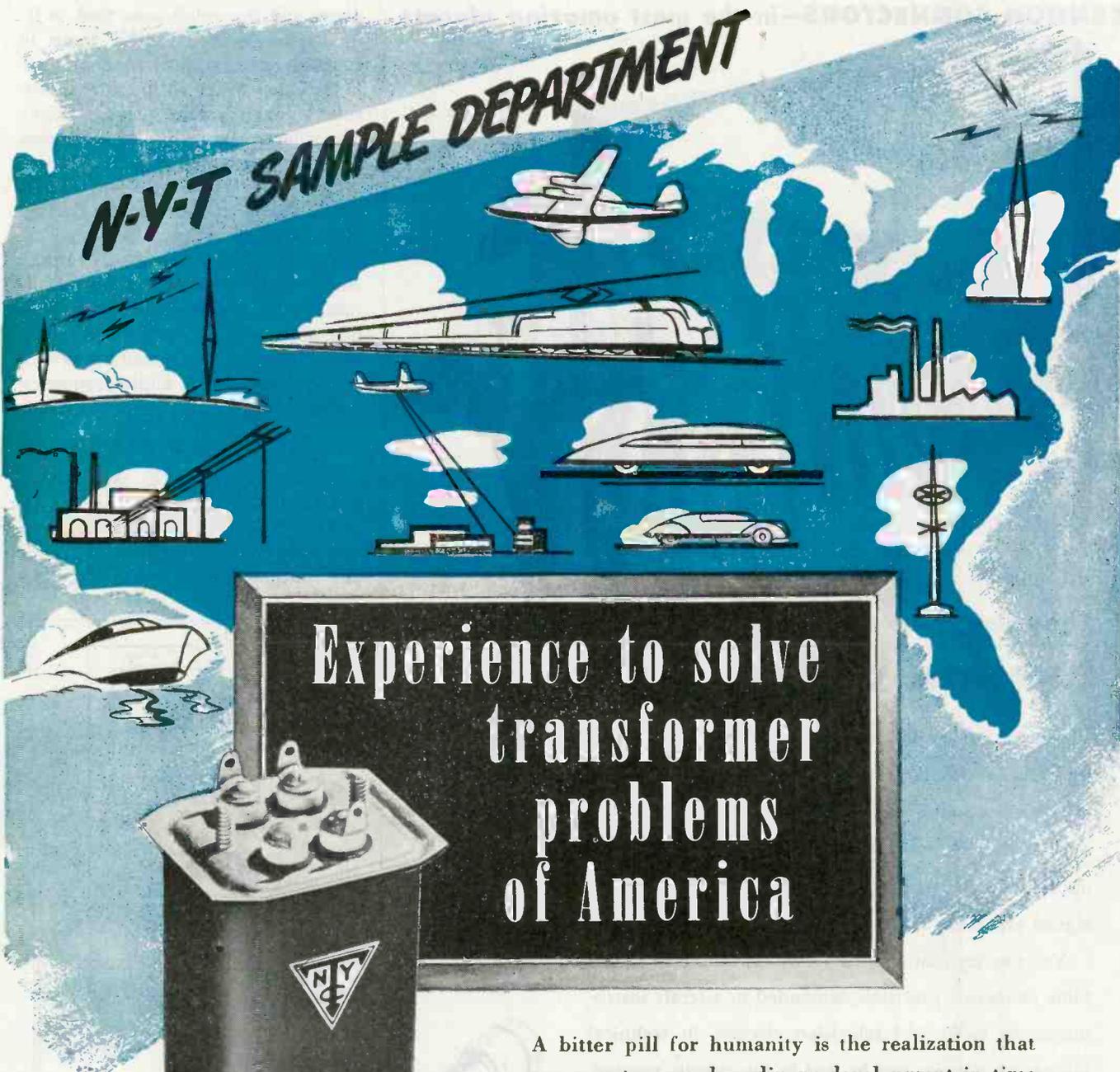


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#### Use of Class B Amplifier

Figure 4 shows a satisfactory circuit that overcomes these difficulties. The lamp is excited from a low-voltage secondary winding of the output transformer  $T_1$ . An

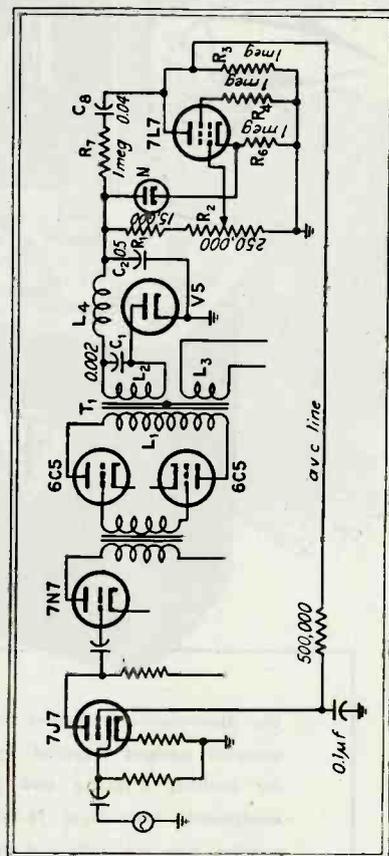


Fig. 4—Circuit of controlled amplifier for supplying current to an exciter lamp in a photoelectric control system. Both input voltage and line voltage variations are corrected by the avc arrangement to maintain a constant output

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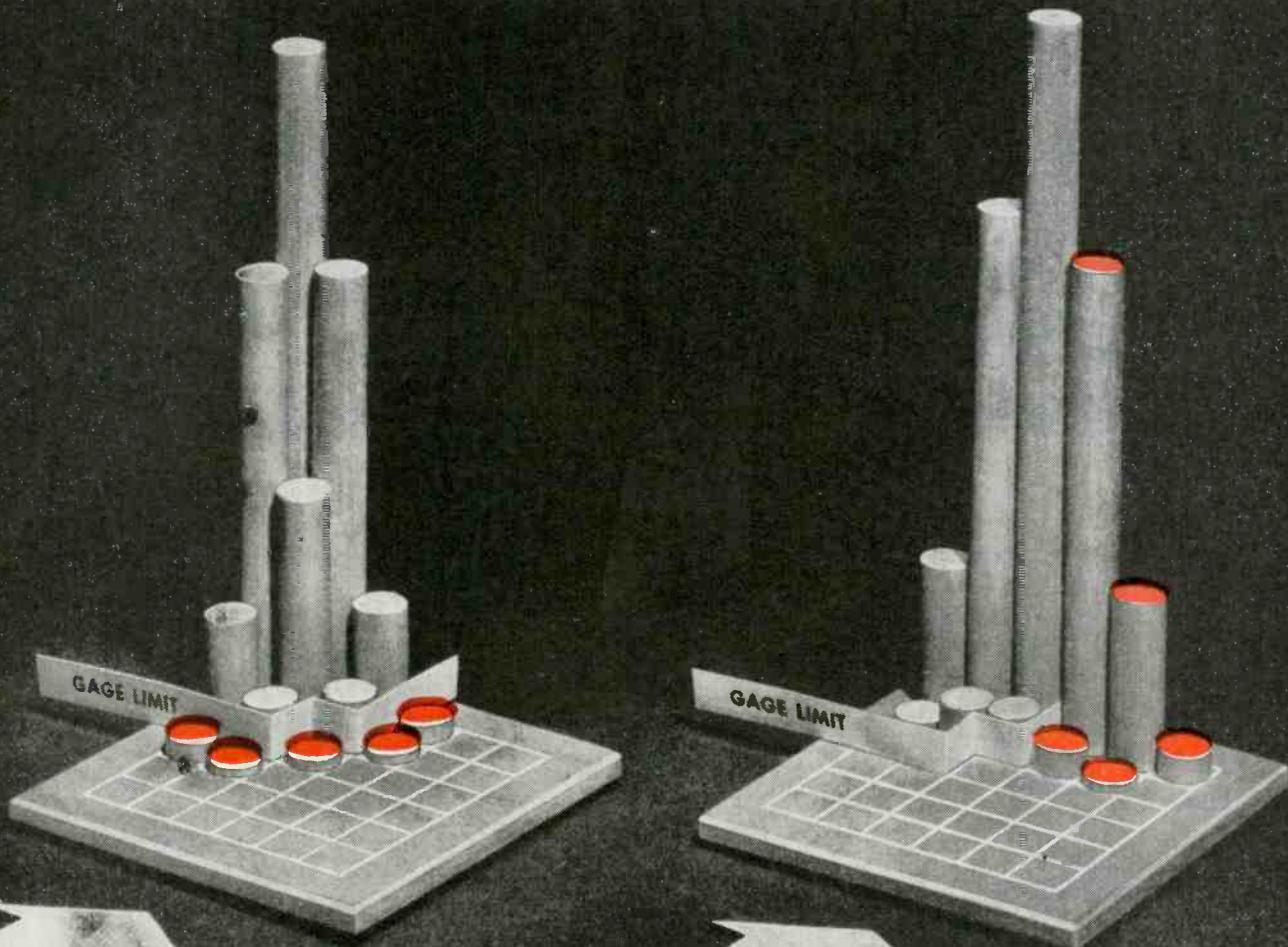
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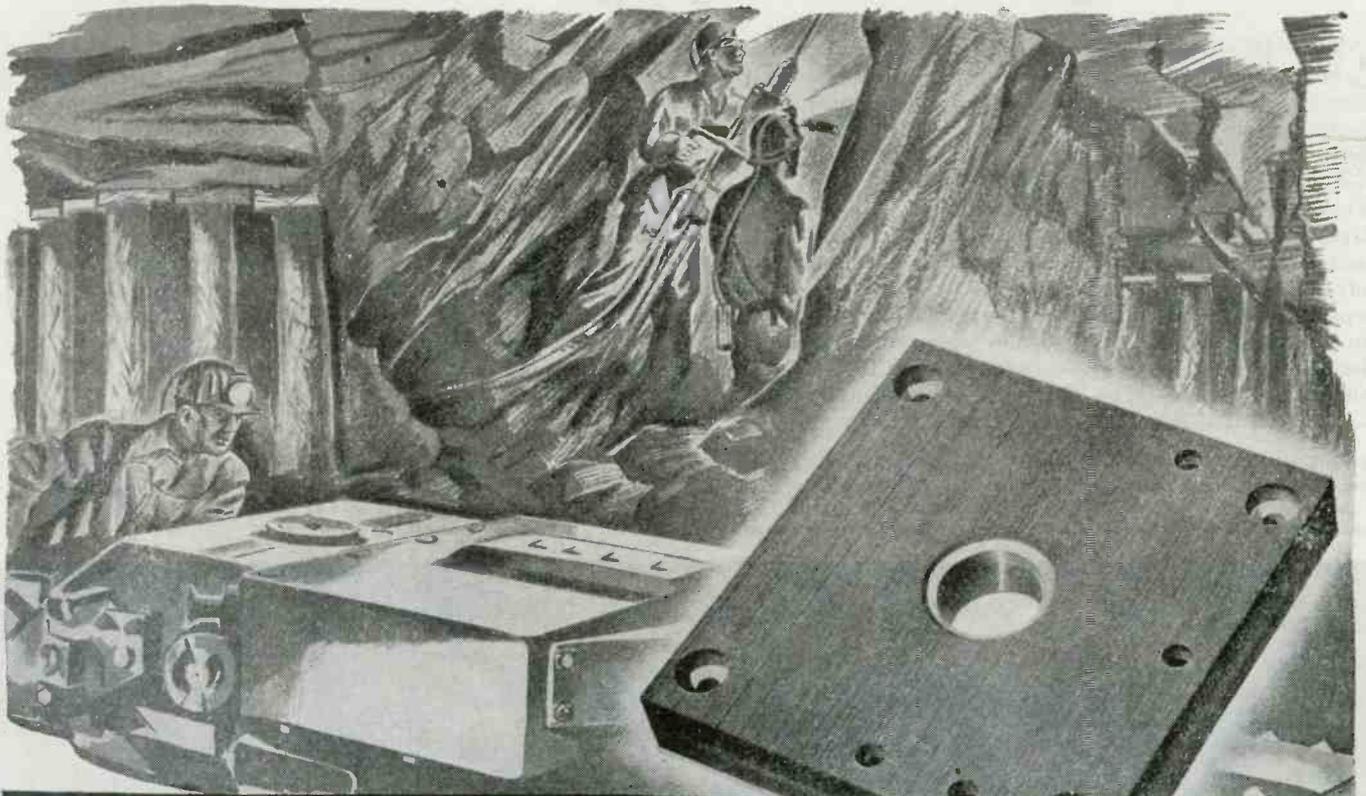


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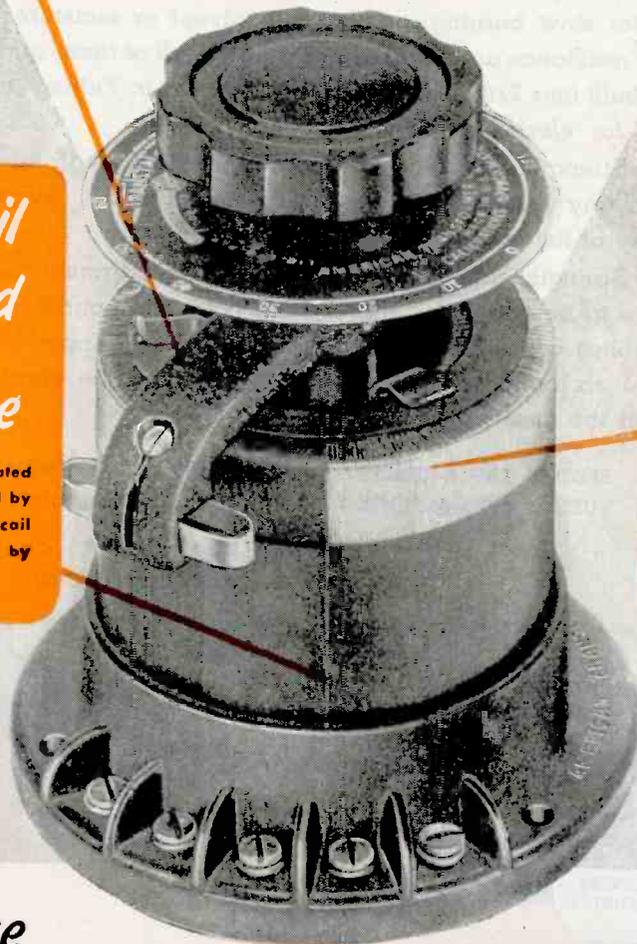
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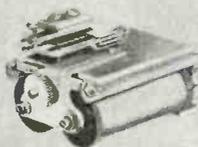
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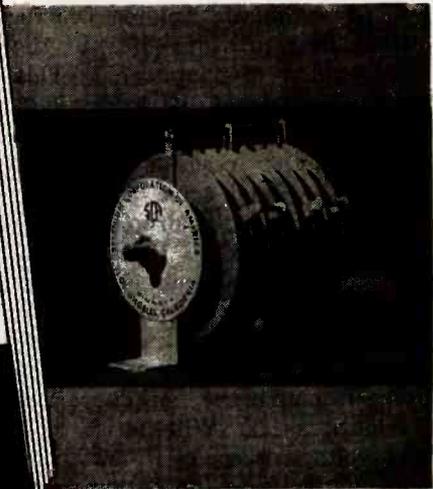
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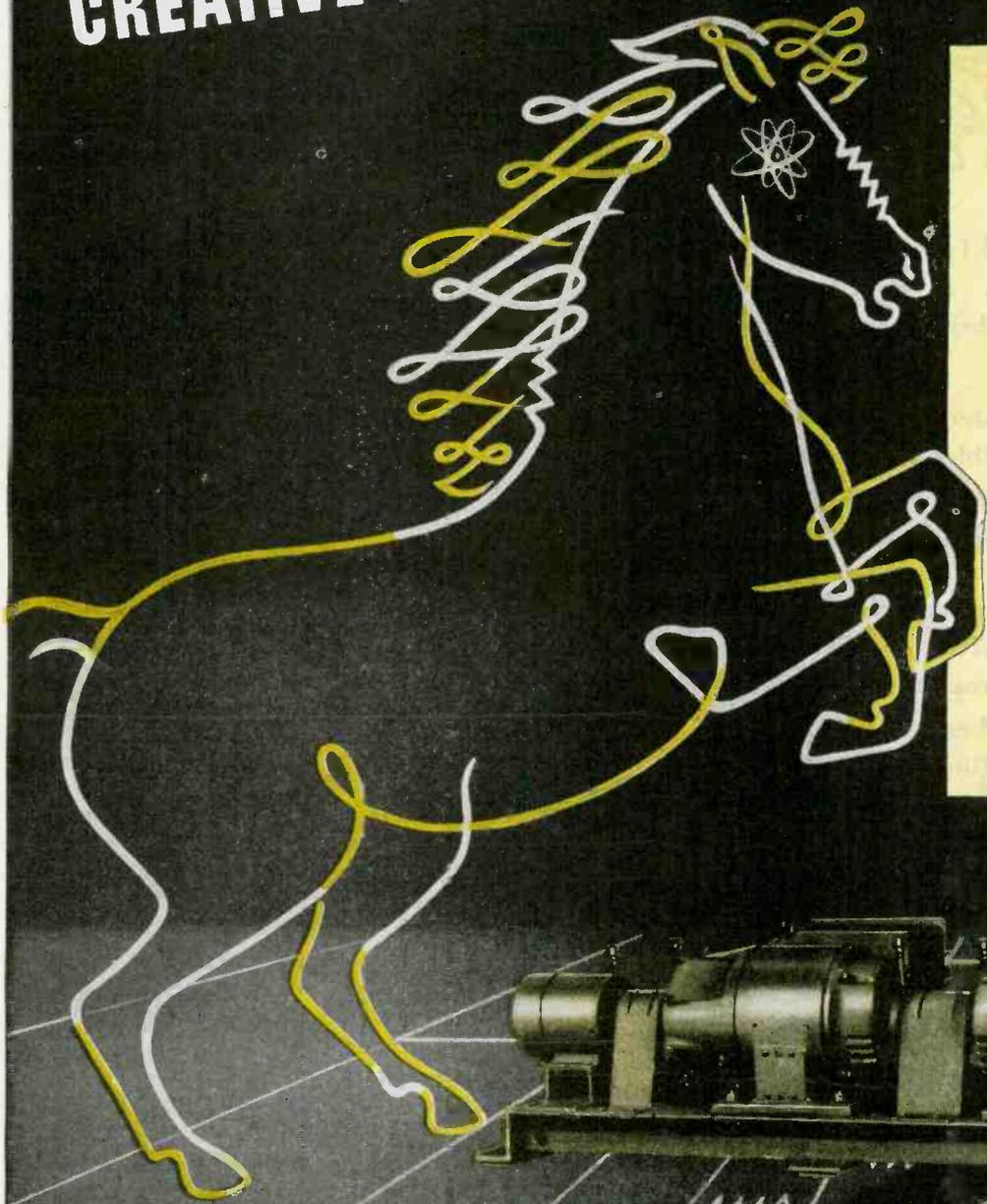
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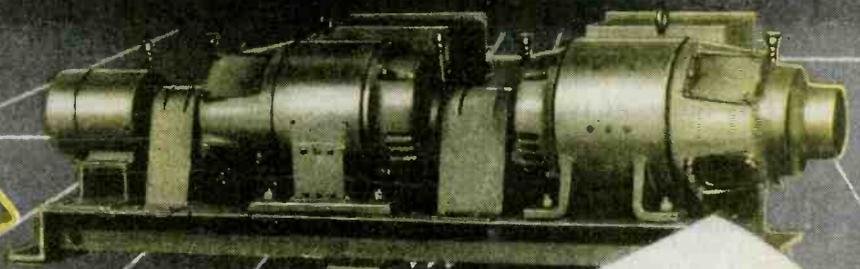

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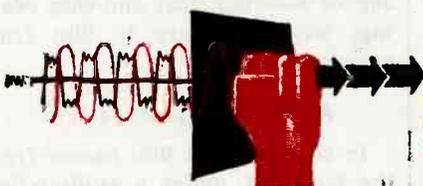
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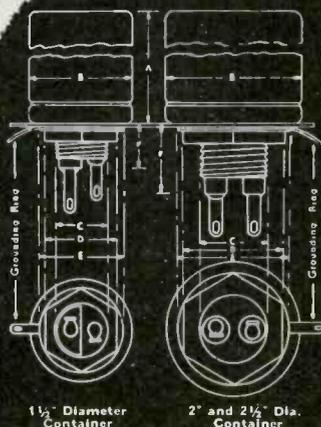
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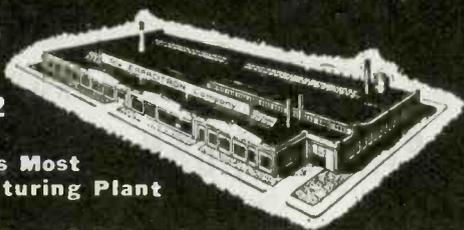
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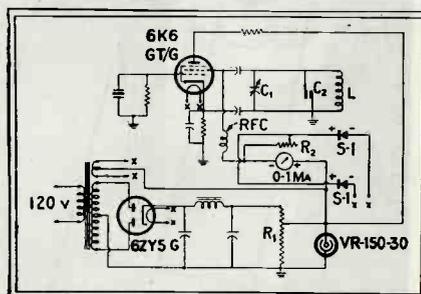
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Circuit of electronic gage for measuring width of a continuous strip such as movie film

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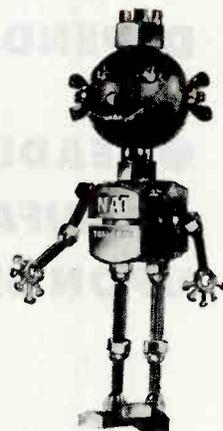
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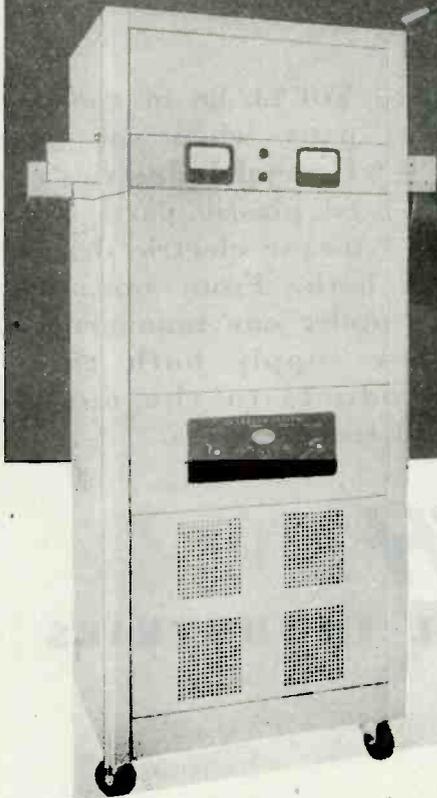
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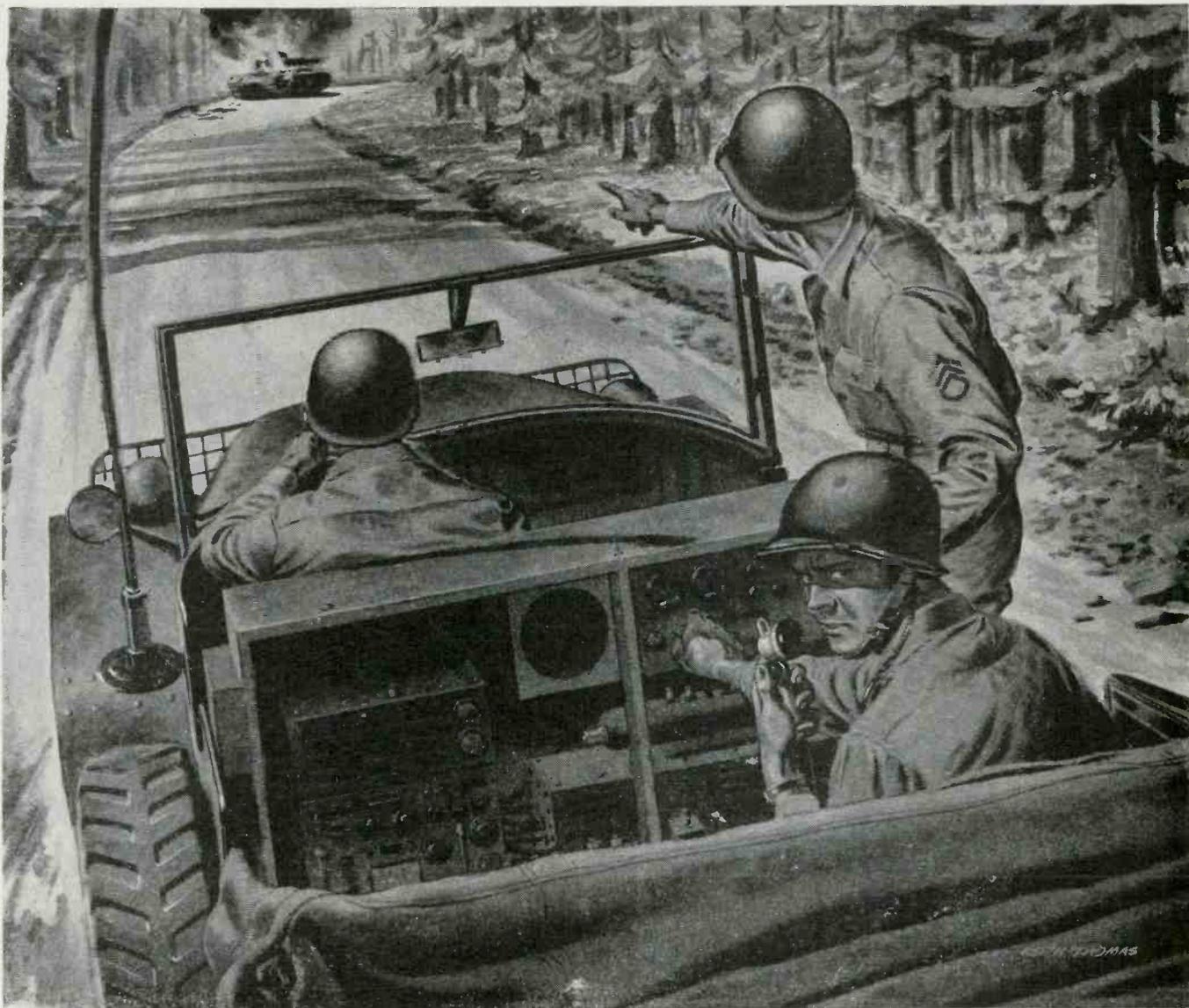
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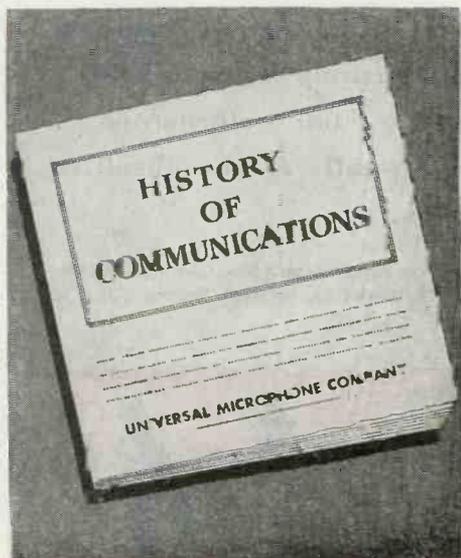
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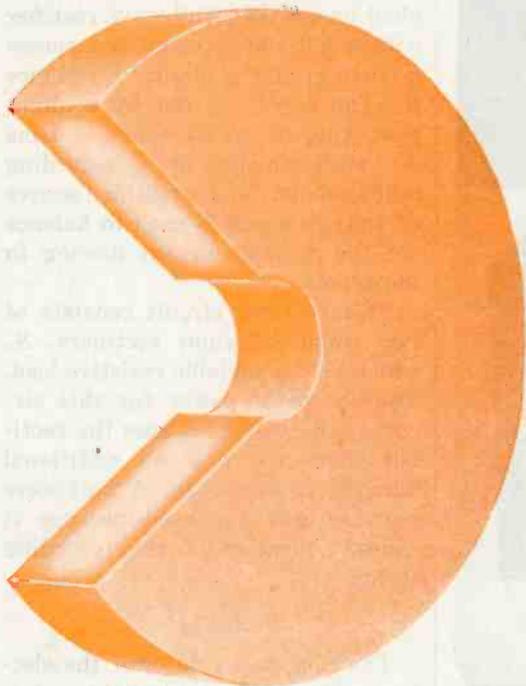


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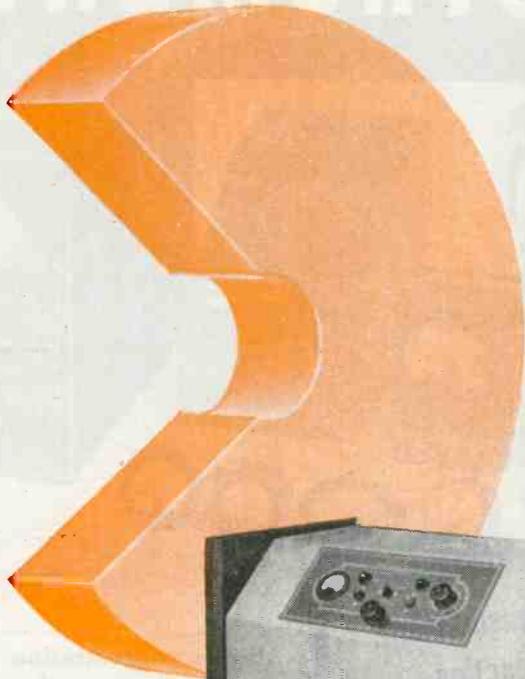


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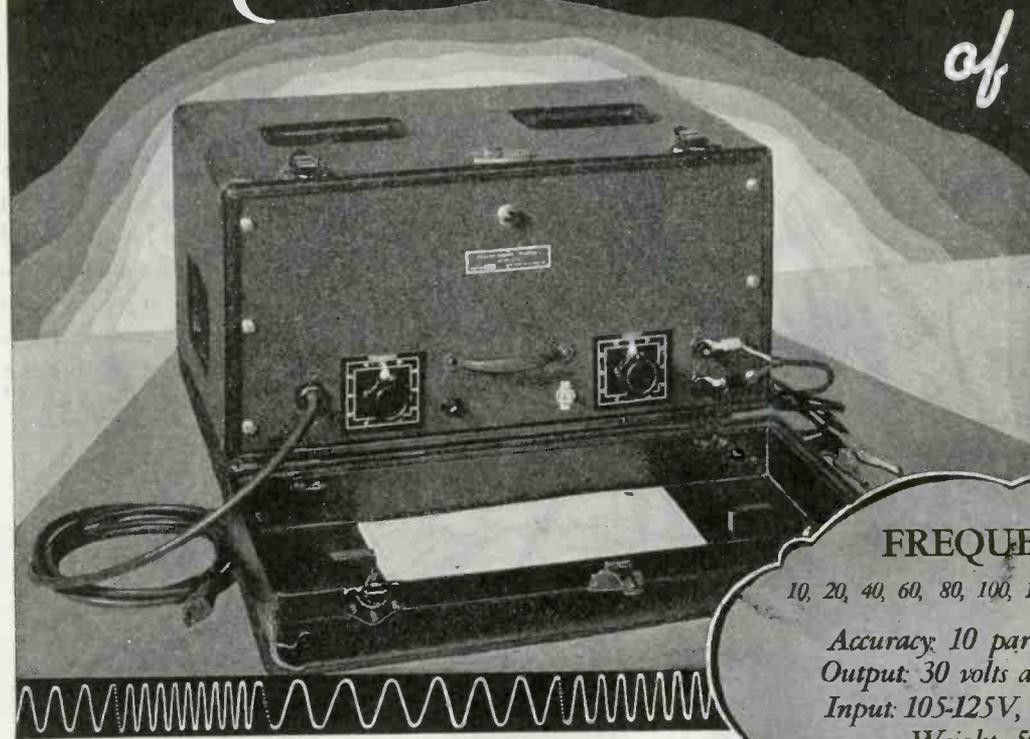


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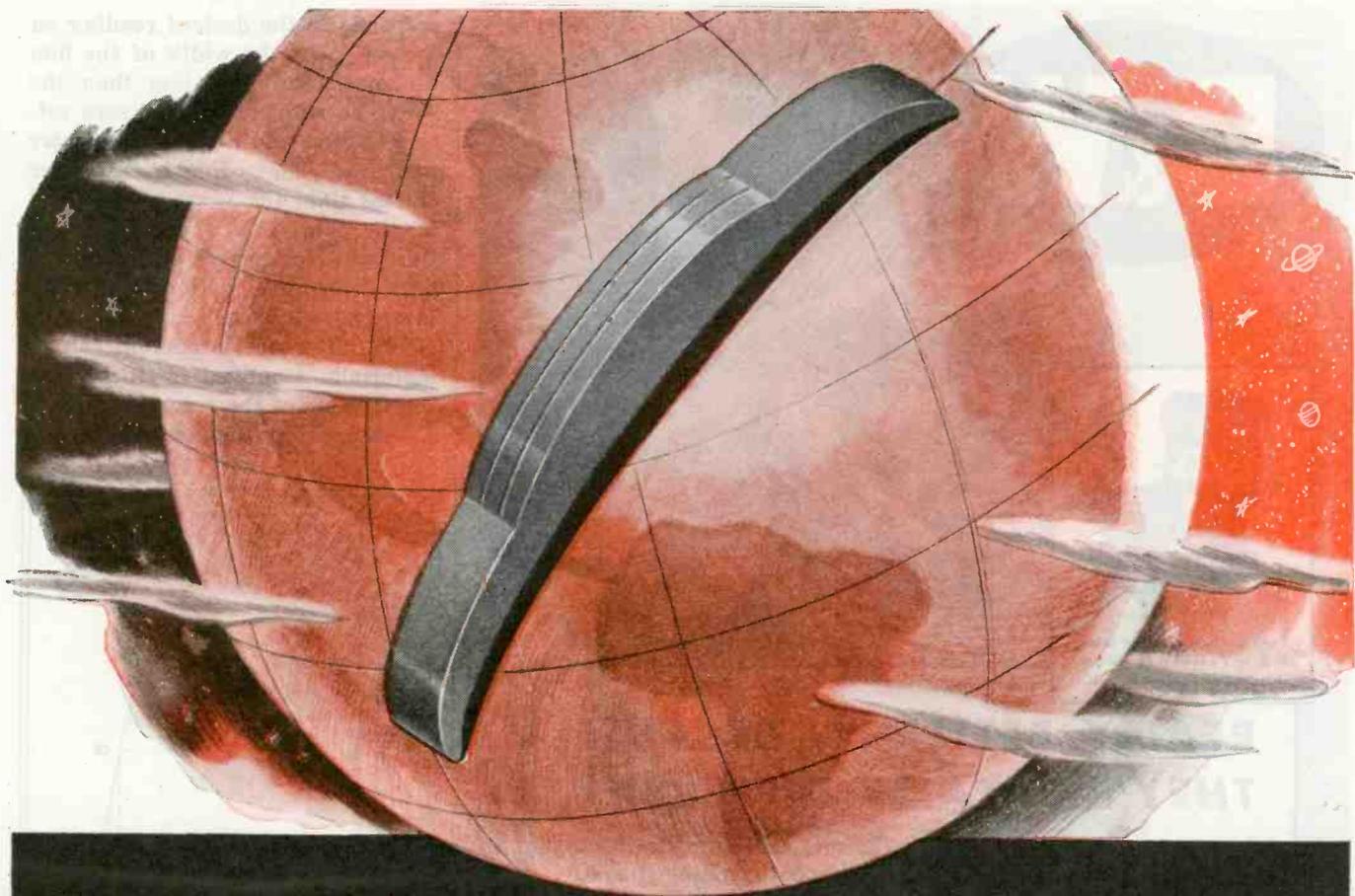


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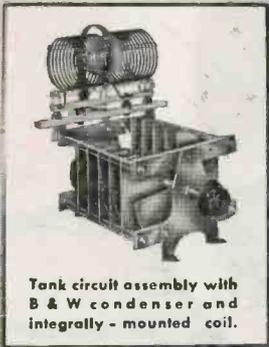
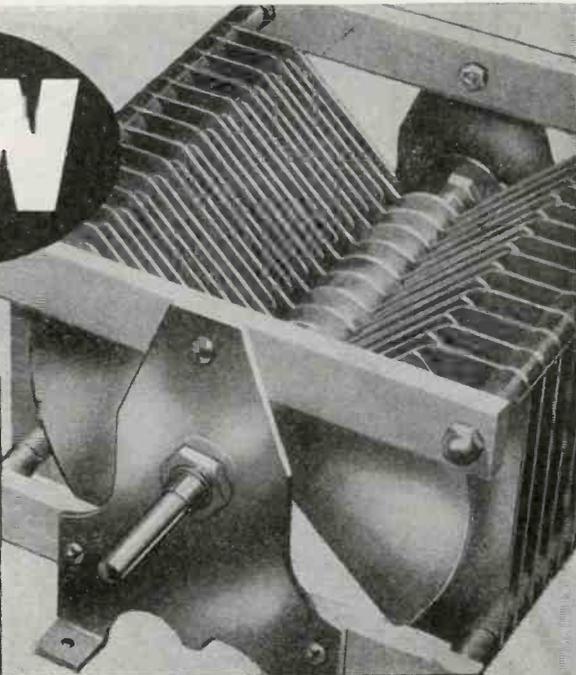
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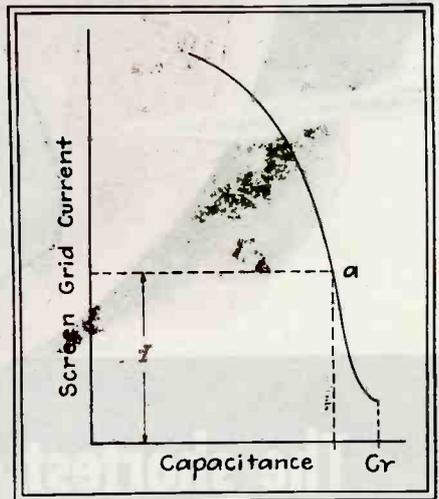
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BUILT TO RESEMBLE the interior of an actual plane, a stationary operational trainer used by the Navy uses over 200 electronic tubes and about sixty electric motors to simulate flying conditions on a PBM-3 Mariner. In addition to the normal electronic equipment used for navigation and communication, electronic units are used in computing circuits that enable an instructor to tell whether the pilot, co-pilot, radioman, navigator and flight engineer are doing what they should under various conditions in flight.

Features of the new crew-trainer are shown in the photographs. These include a mock-up of the forward portion of the plane which contains all of the regular operating controls. Steps lead through narrow passageways to the upper deck, where are located all the flight engineers' panels with their instruments, switches and knobs, primarily for engine control. On the port side is the chart table and navigator's seat and on the starboard are the radio units with a desk and chair for the radioman. In the cockpit are positions for pilot and co-pilot, with duplicate flying controls and instruments, and a bank of indicators and switches in the center.

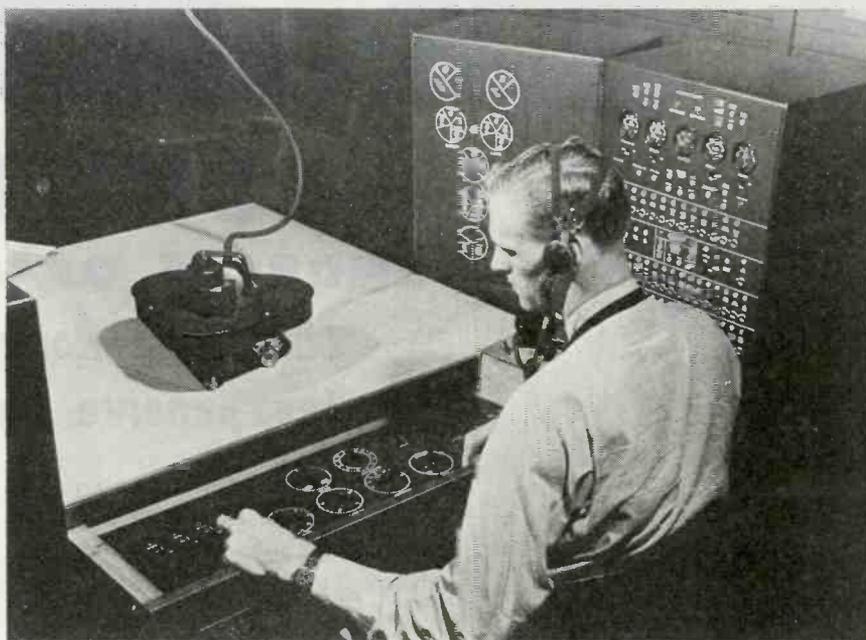
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that duplicate those in the plane, at the pilot's, engineer's and radioman's positions. By watching these instruments, the instructor can see just what is going on in the plane



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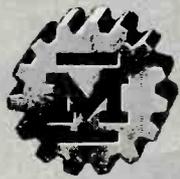
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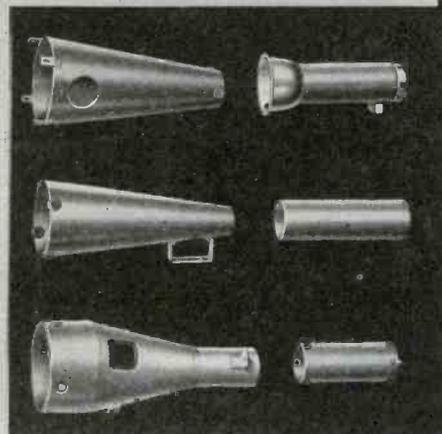
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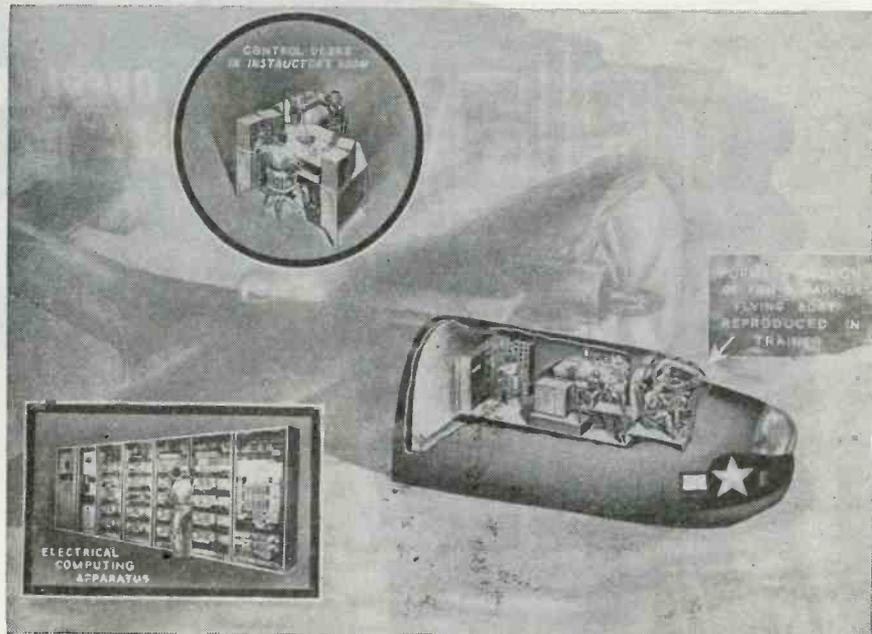


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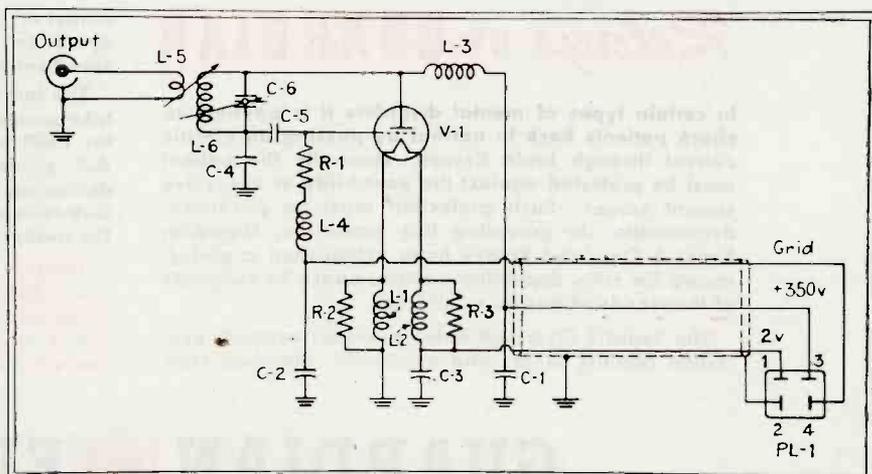
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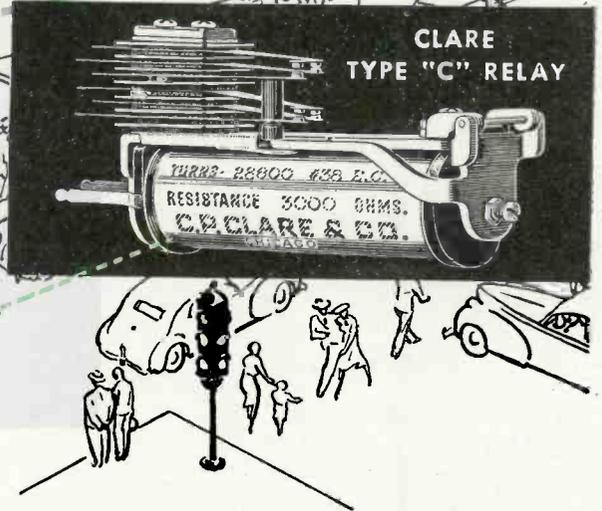


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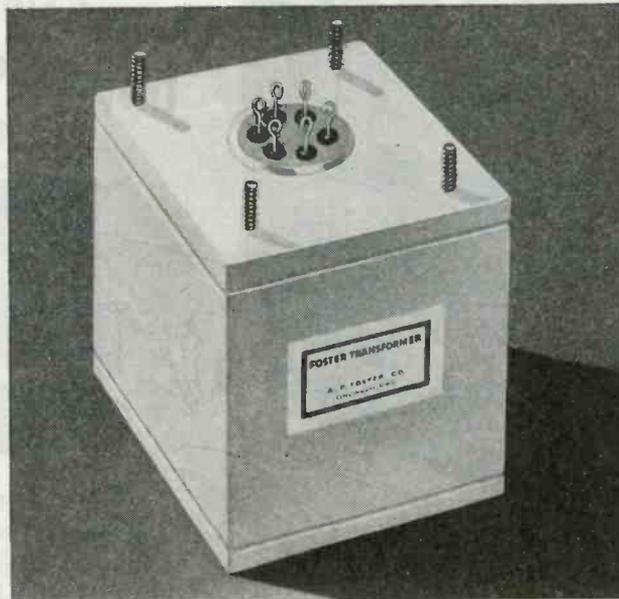
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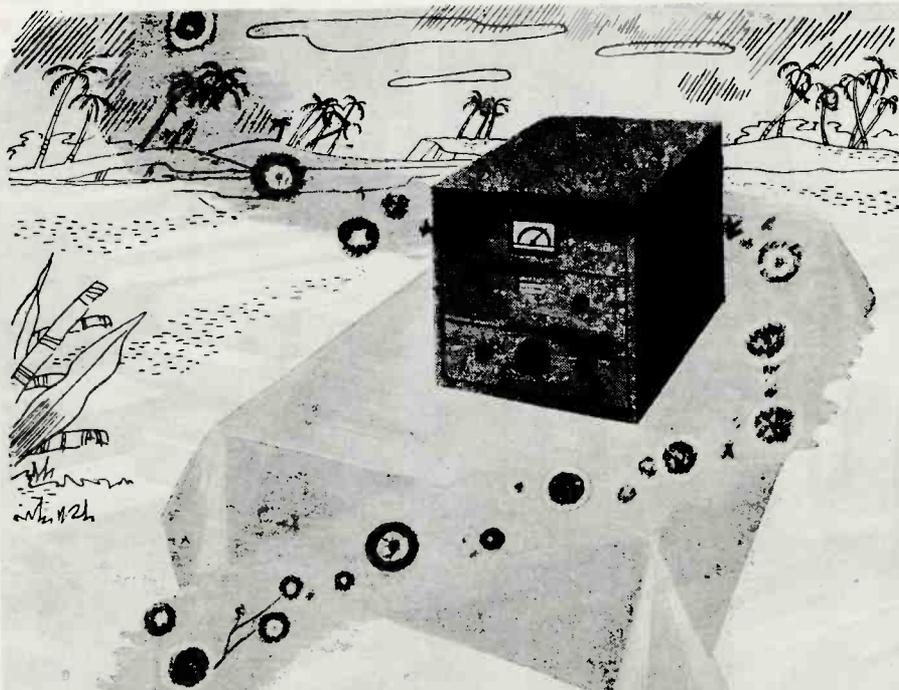
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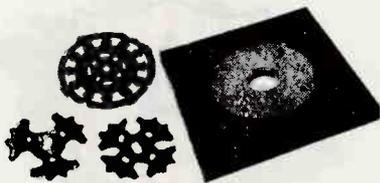


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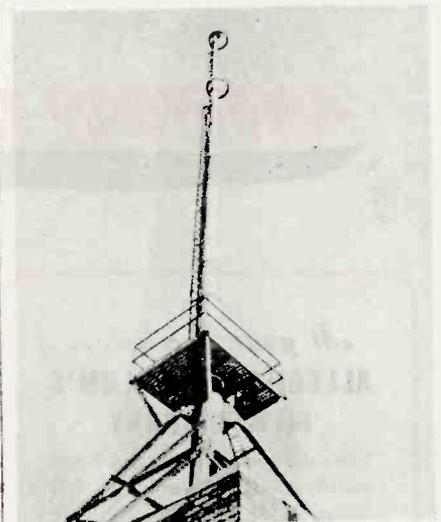
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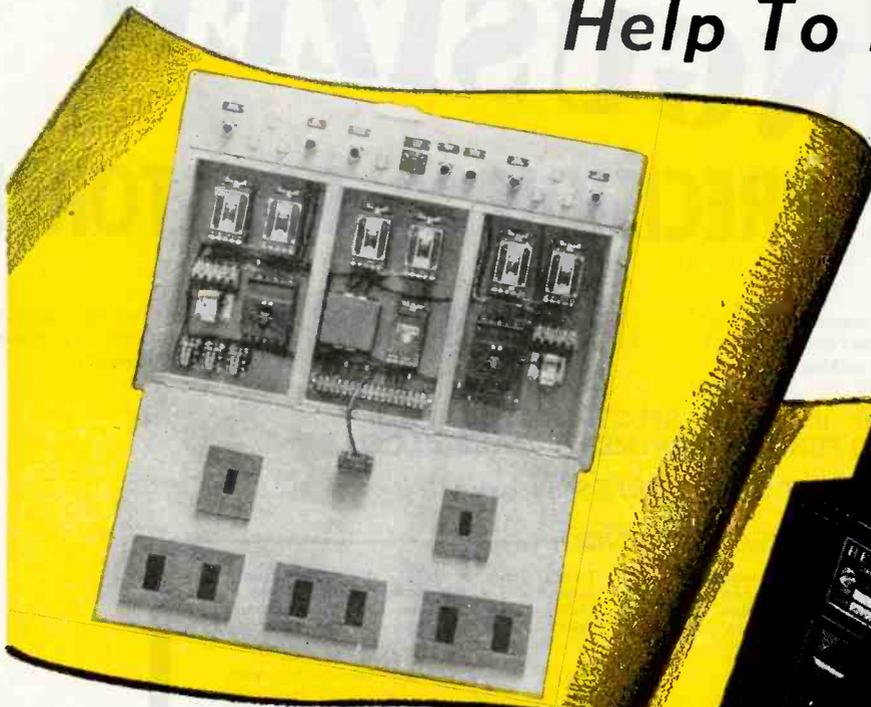
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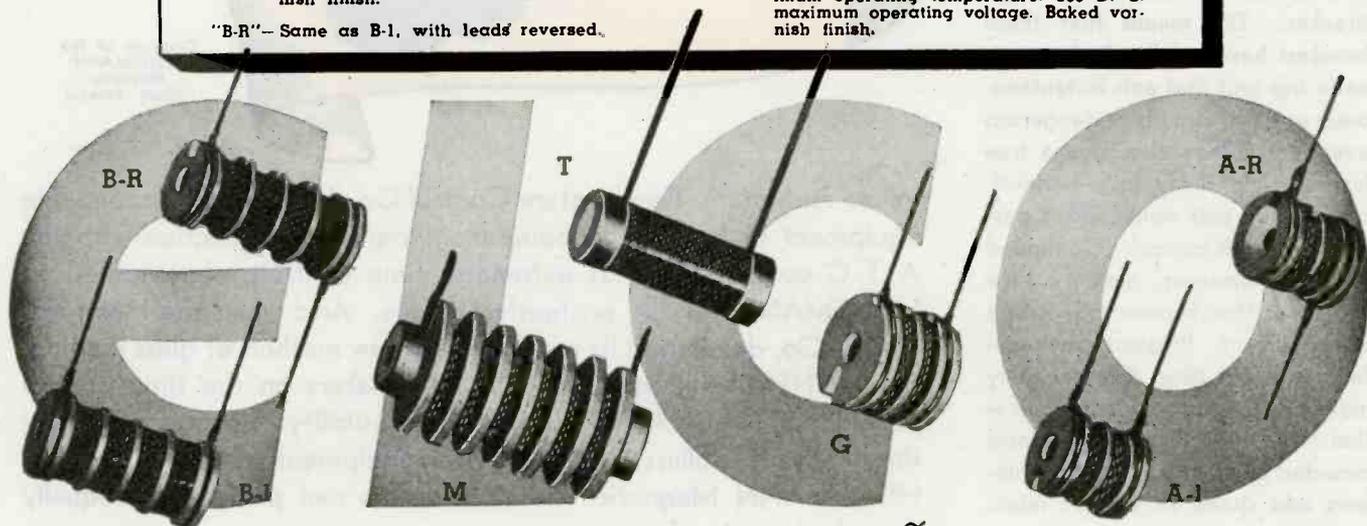
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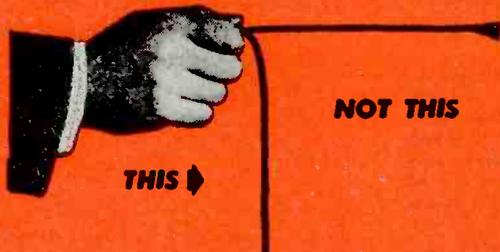


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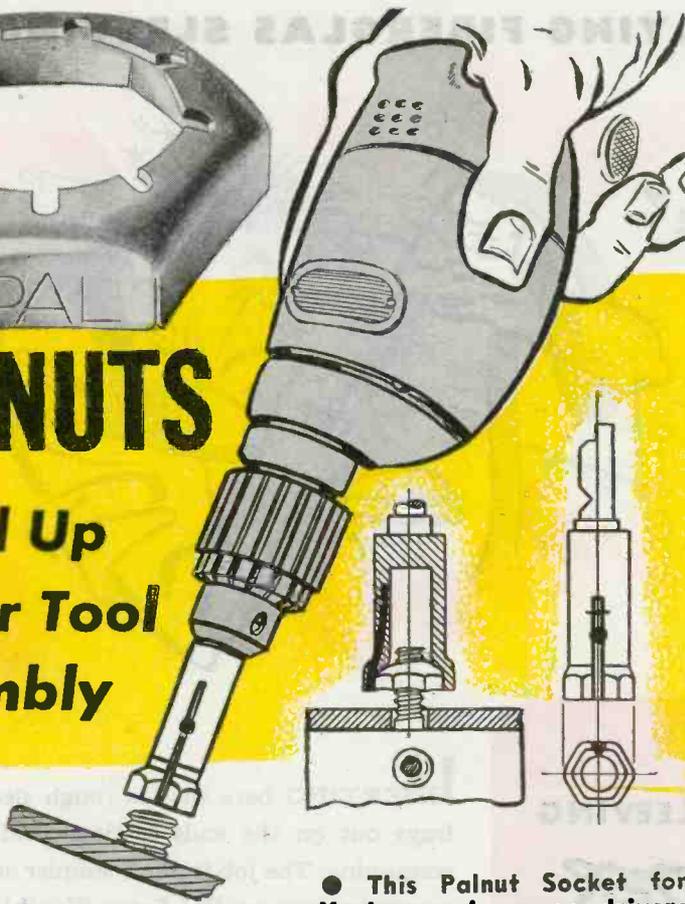
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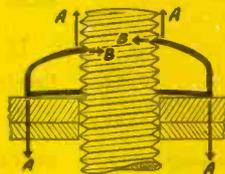
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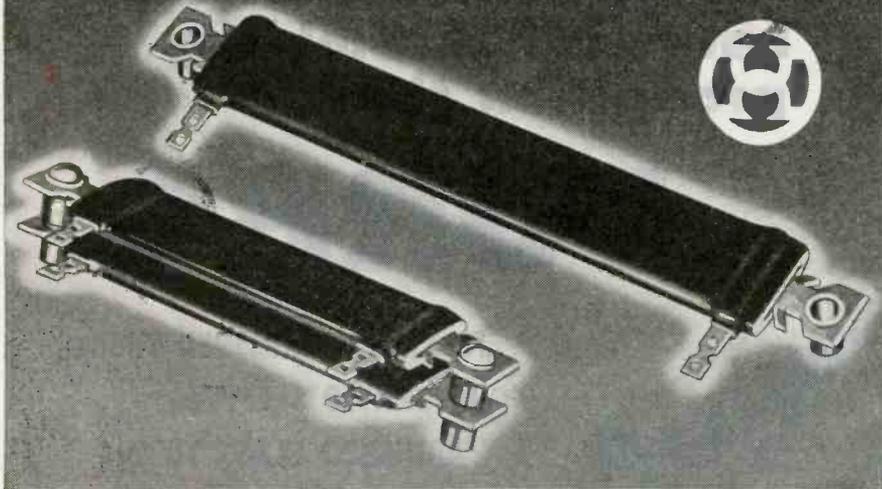
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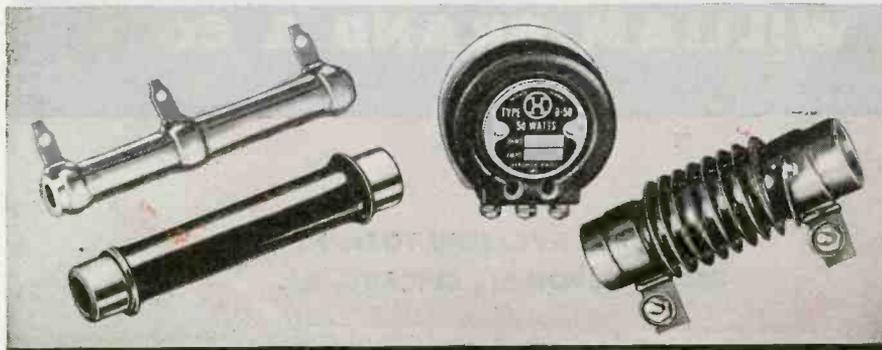
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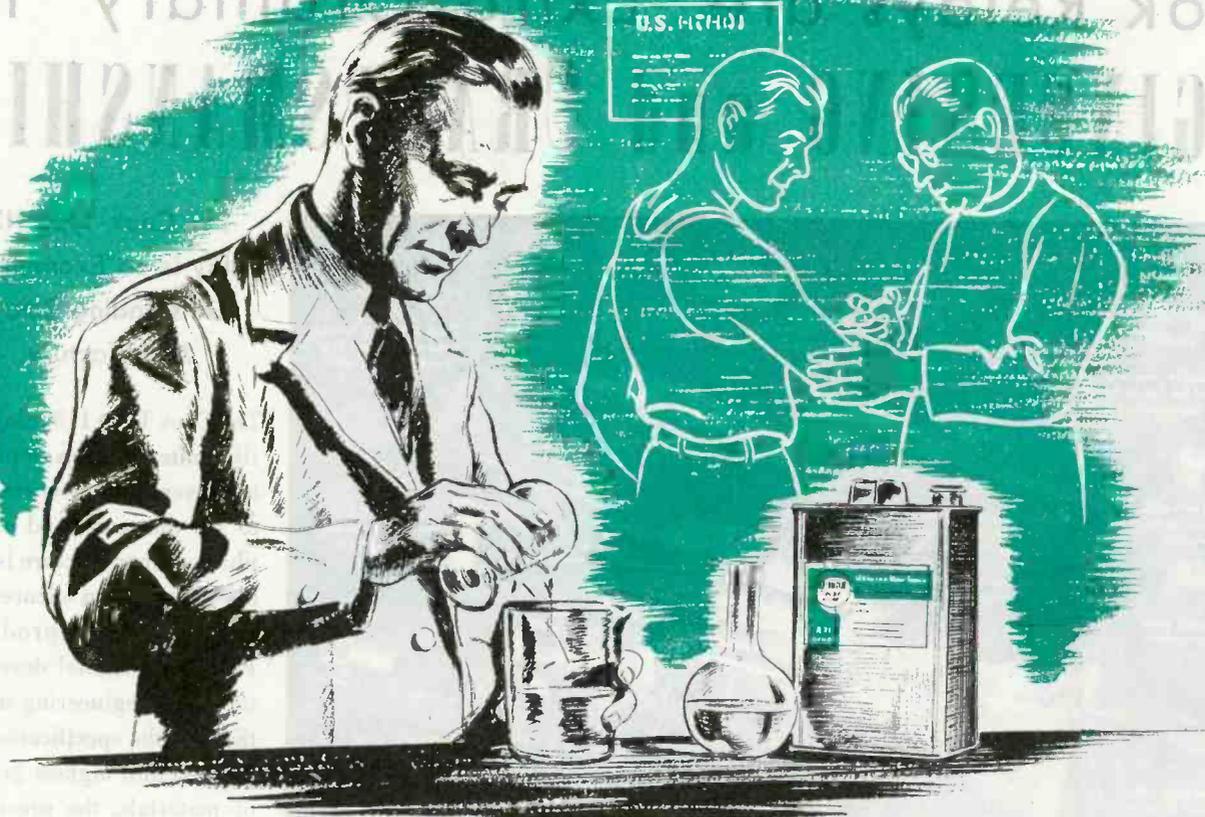
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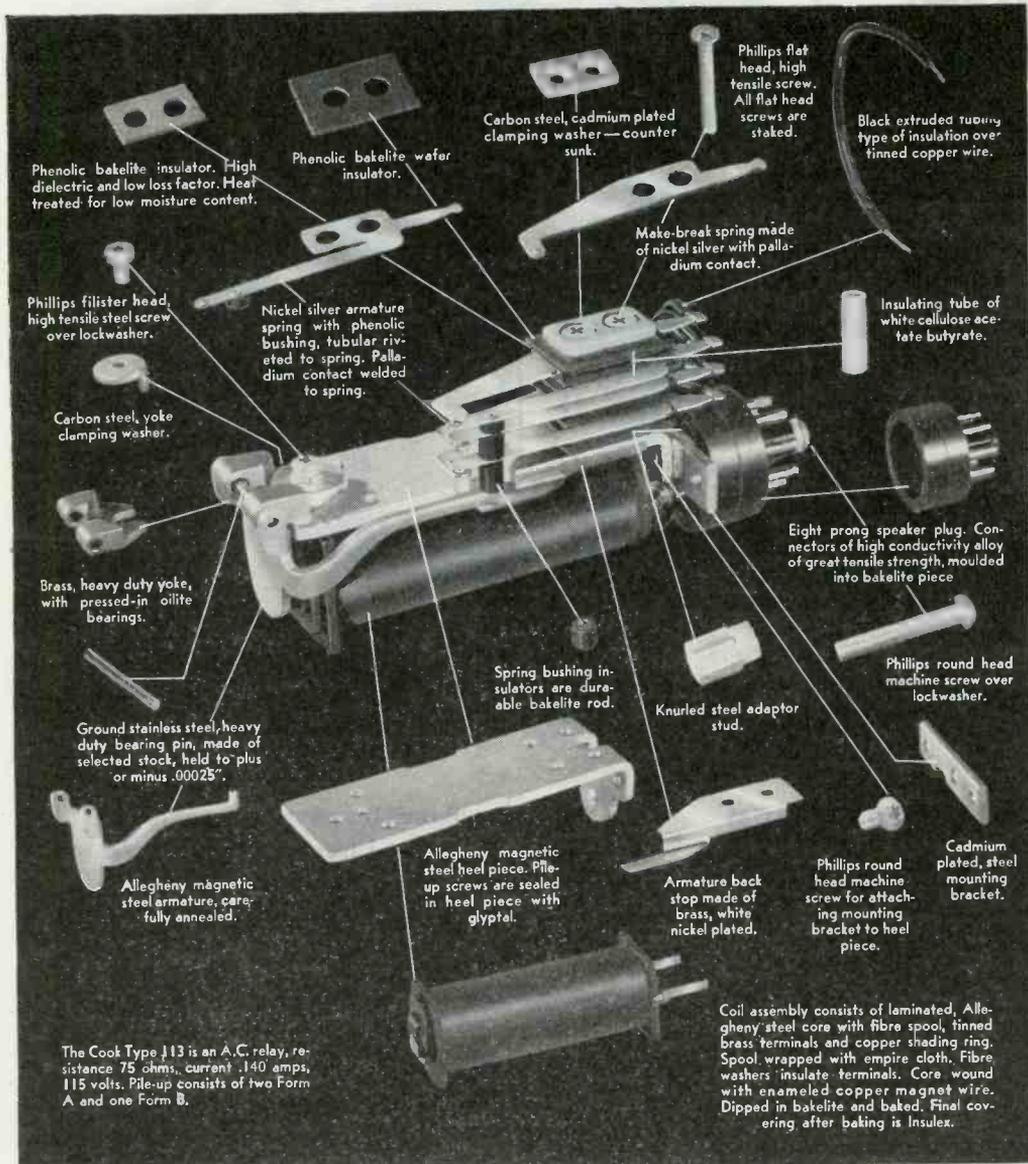
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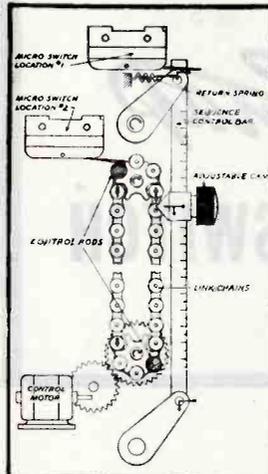


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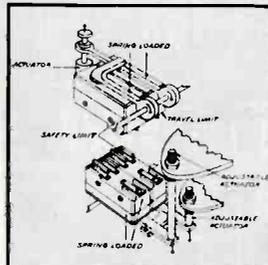
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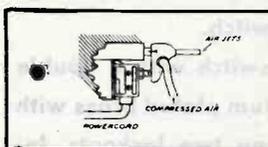
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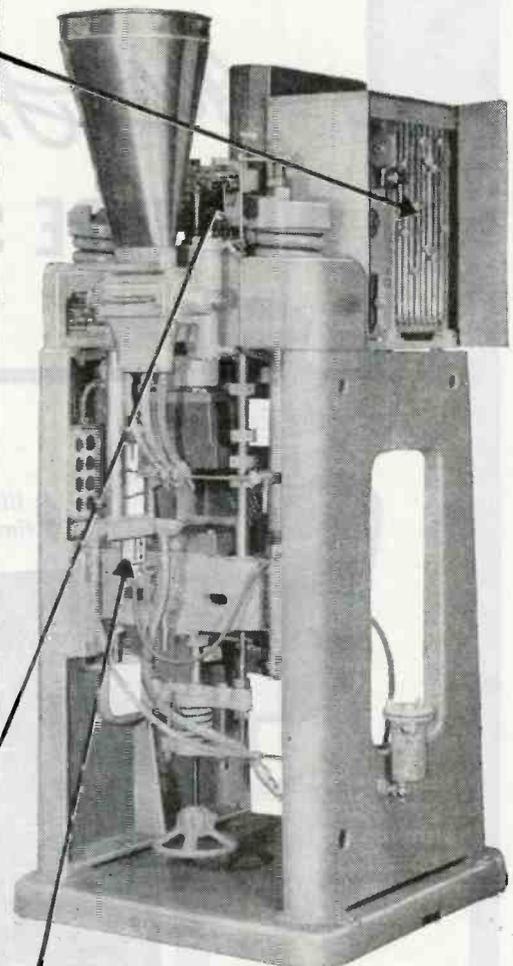
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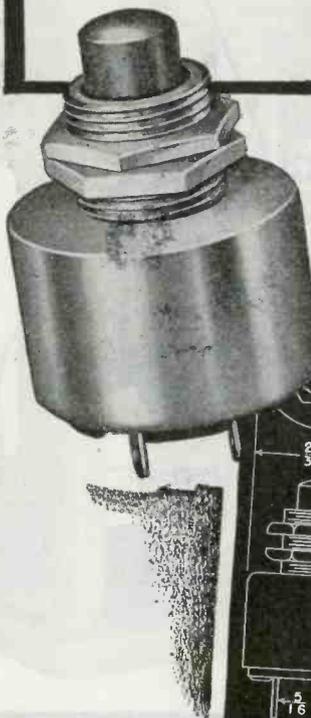
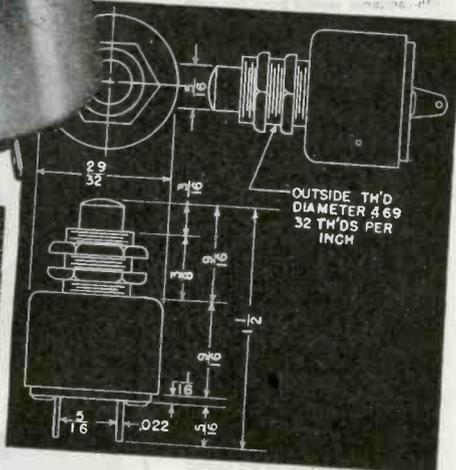


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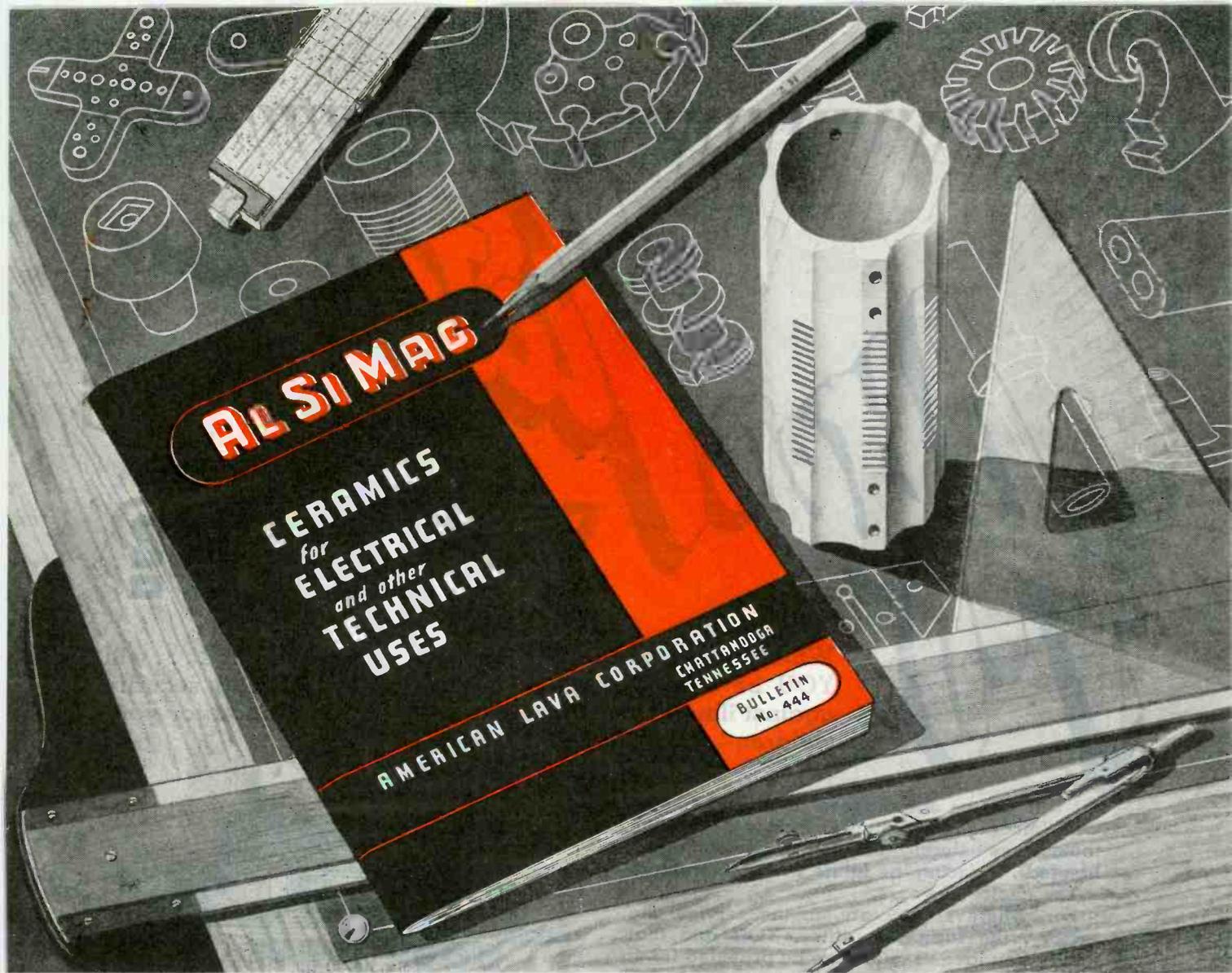


Gunfire from enemy artillery is picked up by microphones and electronically amplified to actuate recording equipment at this gun-plotting center of the British Fifth Army

number of bearing lines, and where they intersect on the map is the position of the enemy gun. Air temperature, wind speed and direction affect the accuracy of the results, and so an RAF meteorological unit is attached to the sound ranging troops to provide meteorological information. If enemy shellfire cuts the telephone cable, the listening post immediately switches over to radio equipment and gives the order to the recording center for the recording machine to be started. As soon as the shell has landed, the machine is switched off so as not to waste paper. In this manner, enemy gun positions which are out of sight can be pin-pointed on the map.

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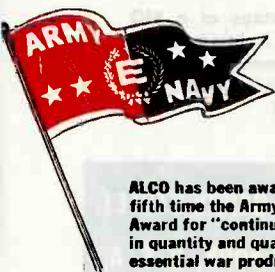
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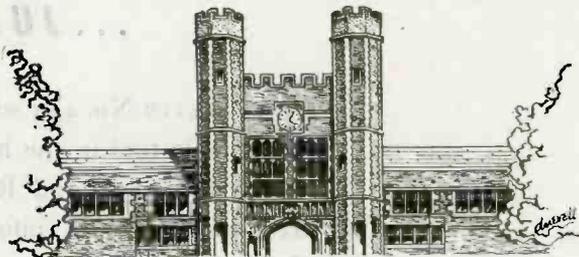
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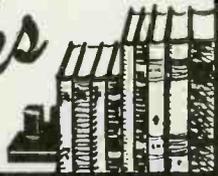
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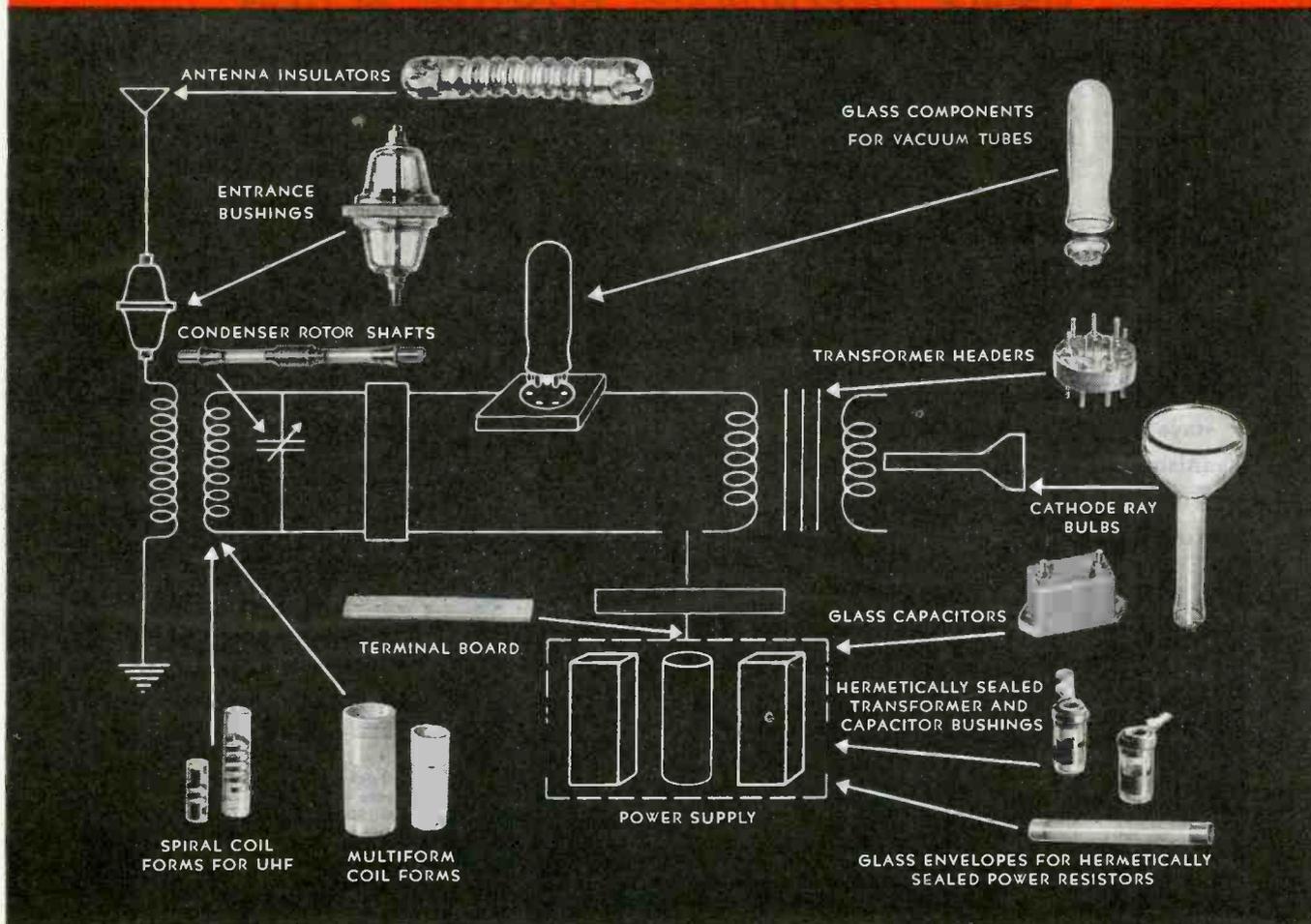
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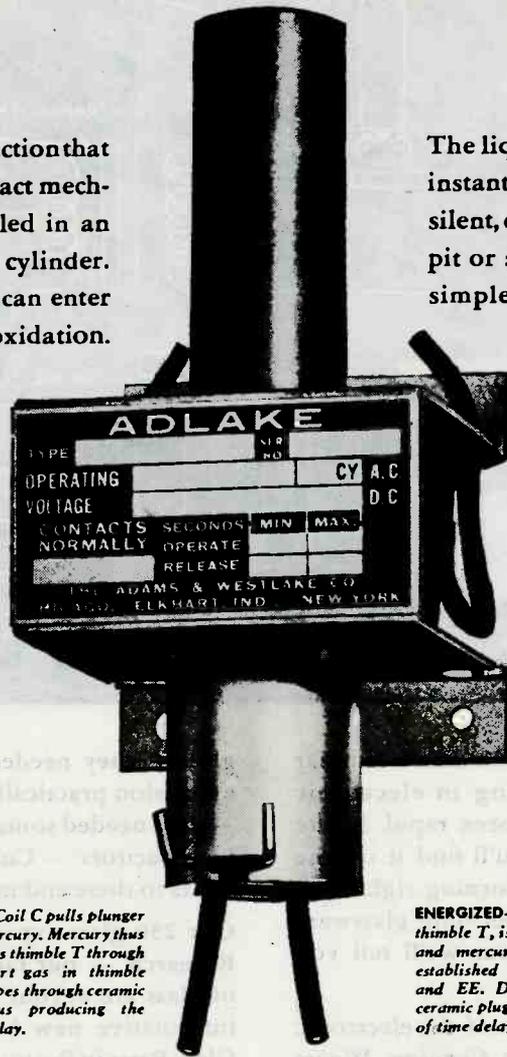
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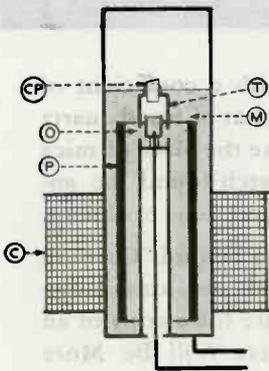
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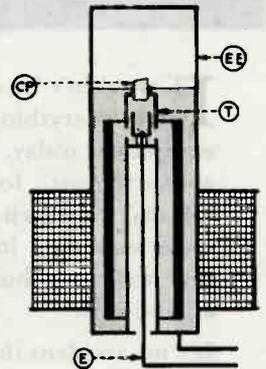


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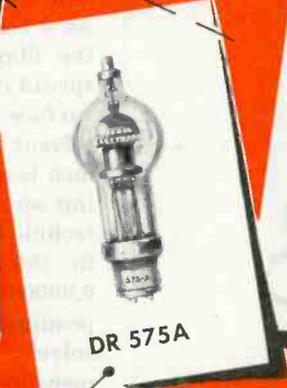
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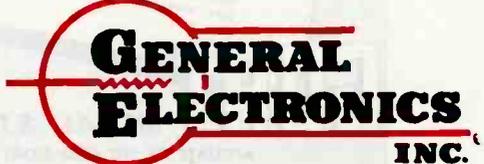


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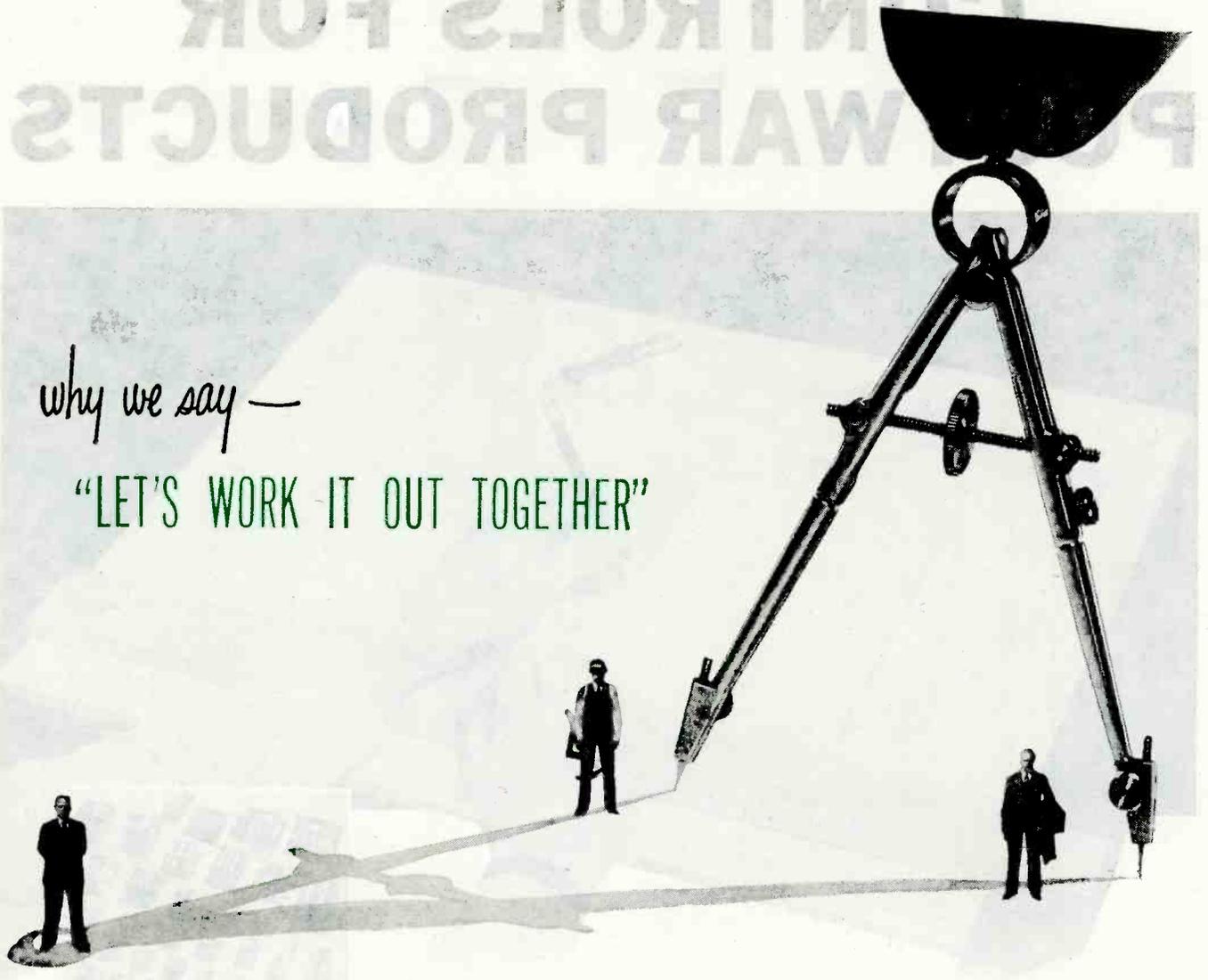
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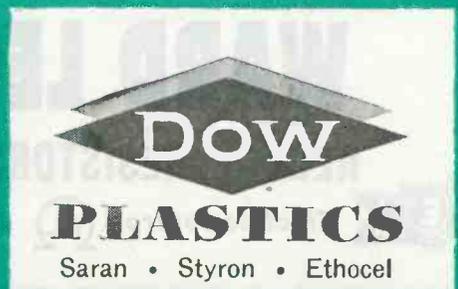
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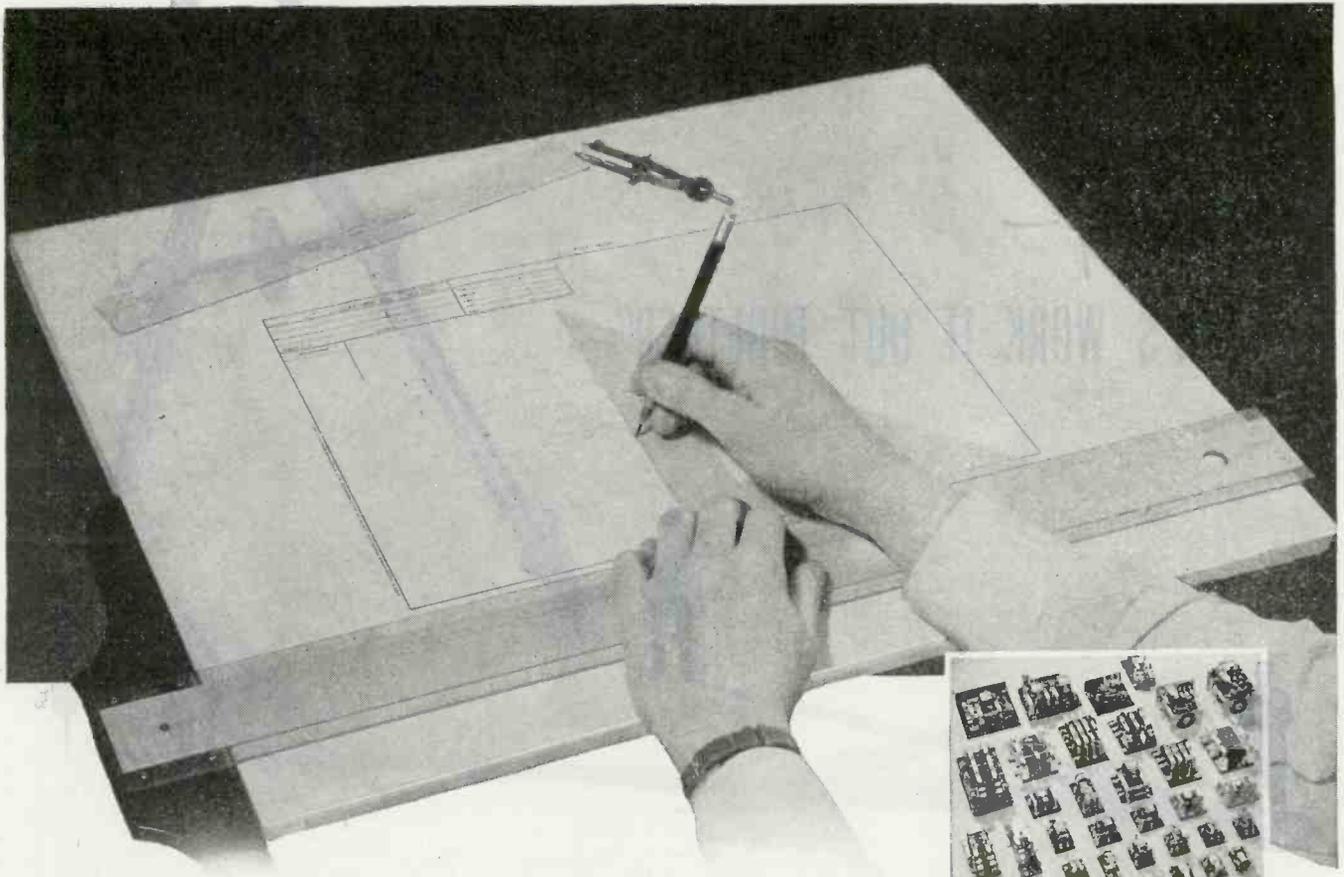
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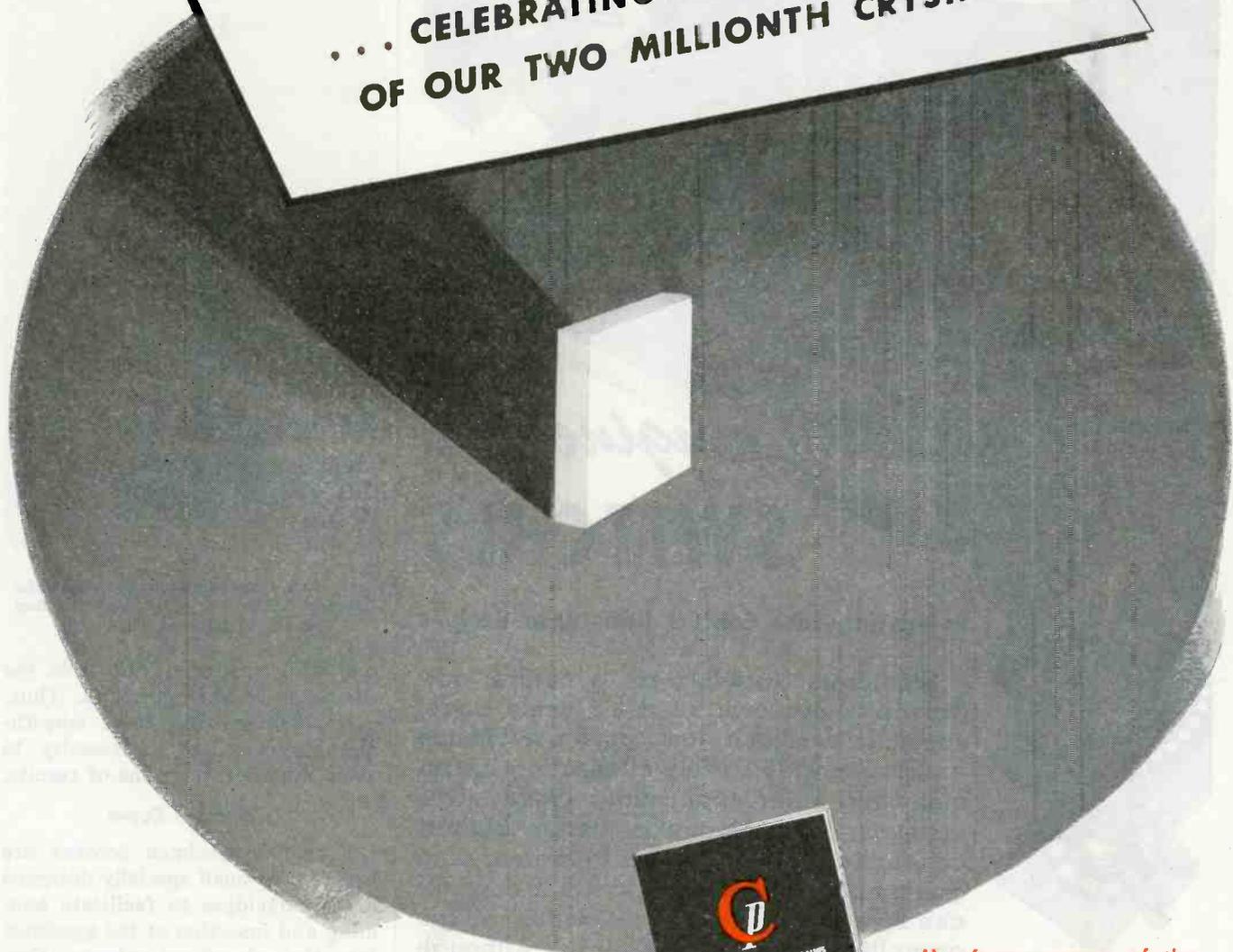


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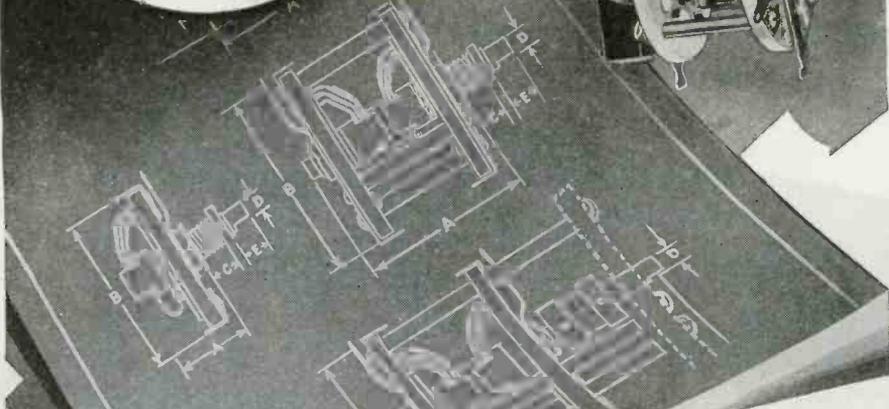
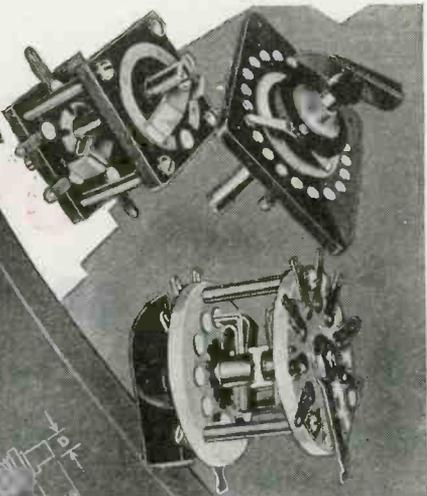
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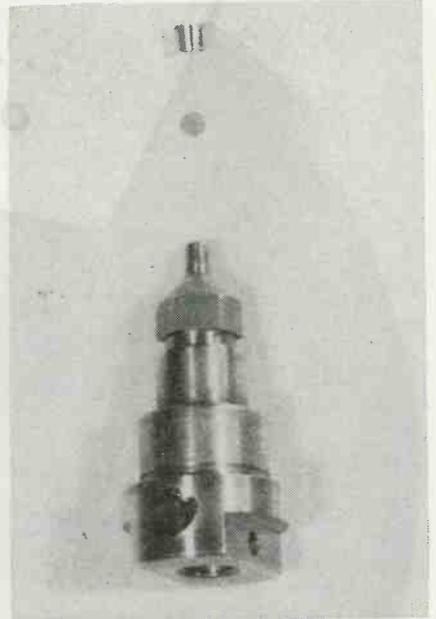
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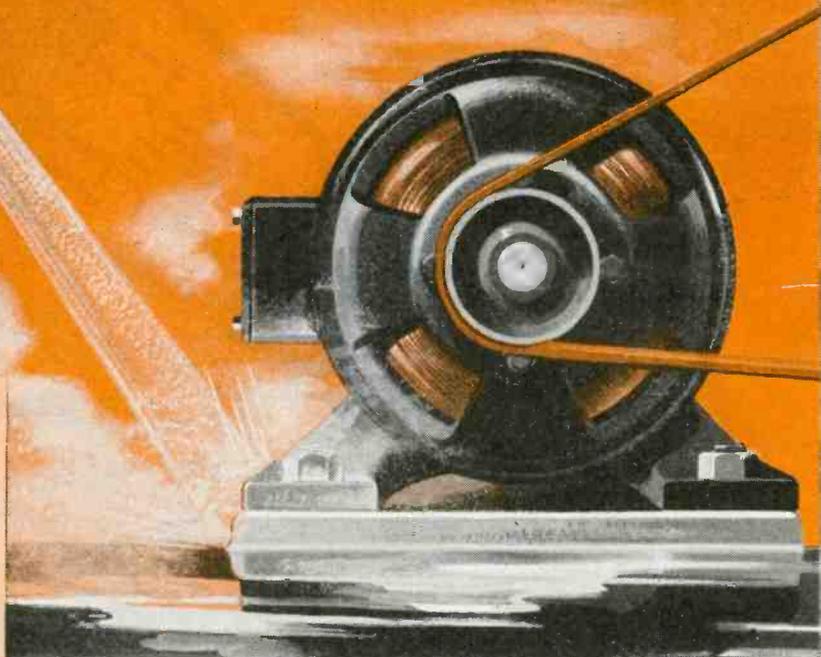
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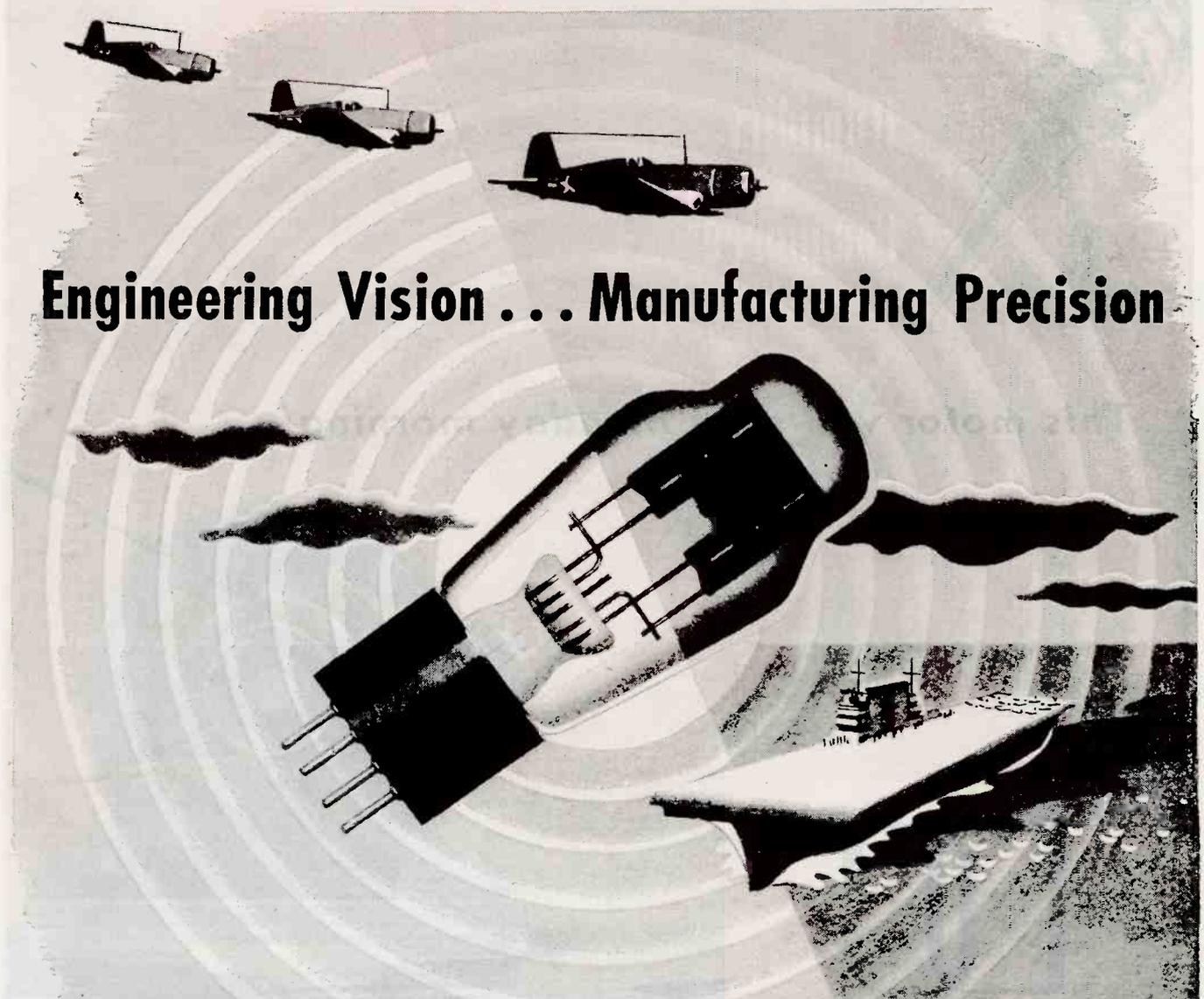
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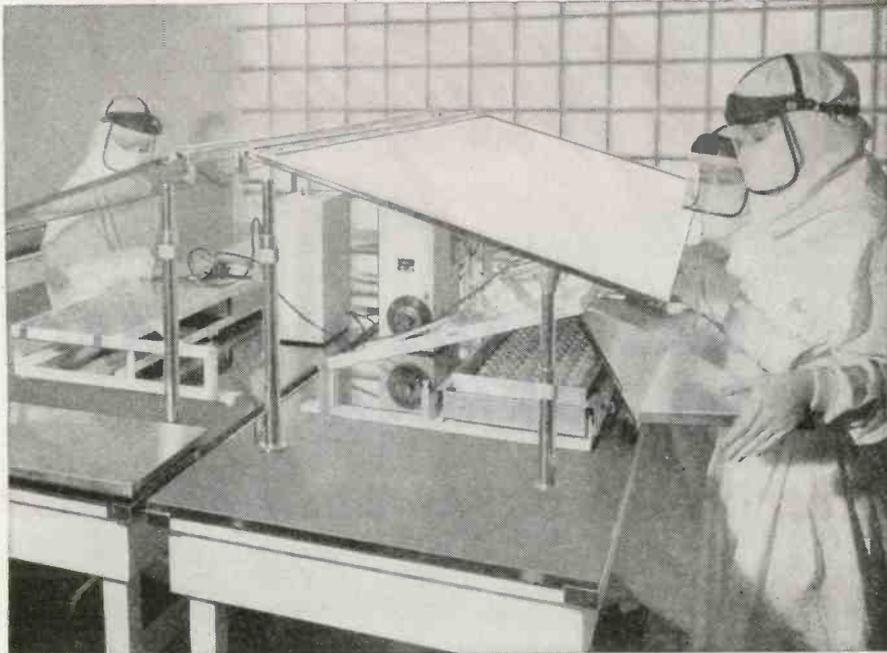
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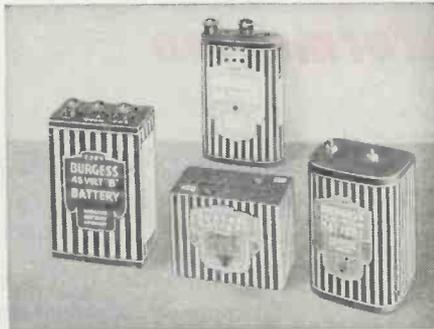
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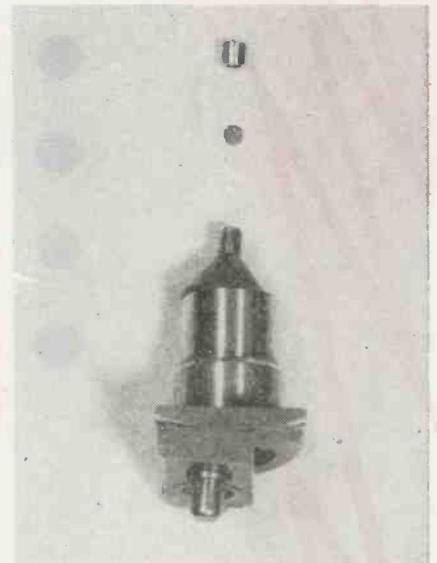
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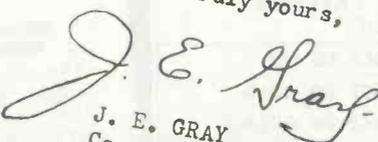
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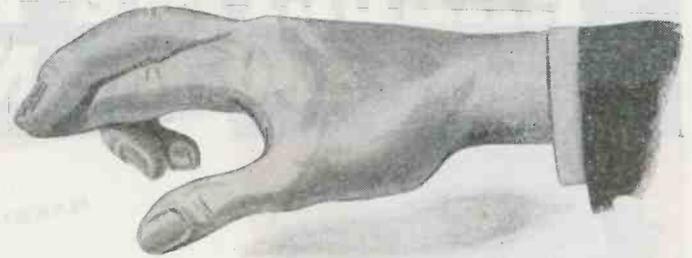
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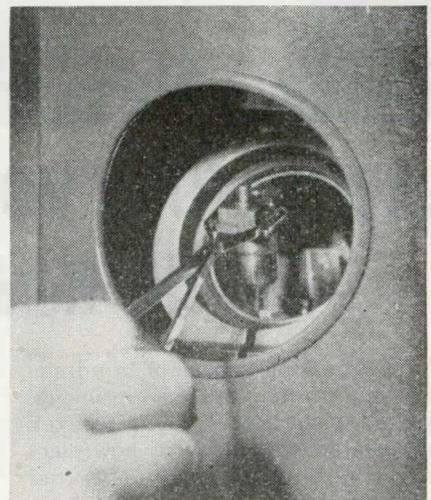
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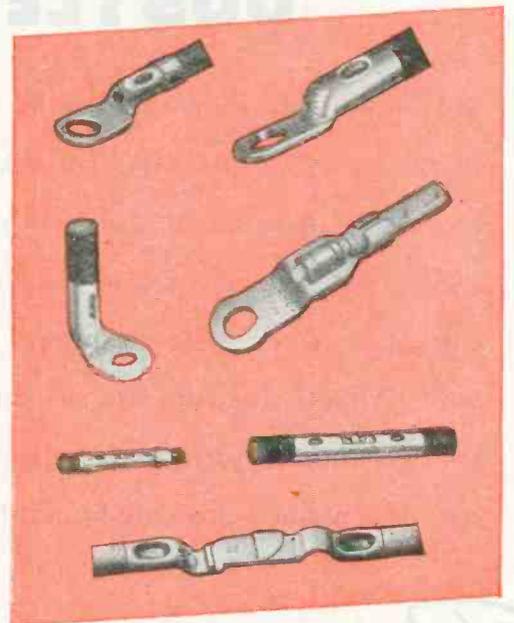
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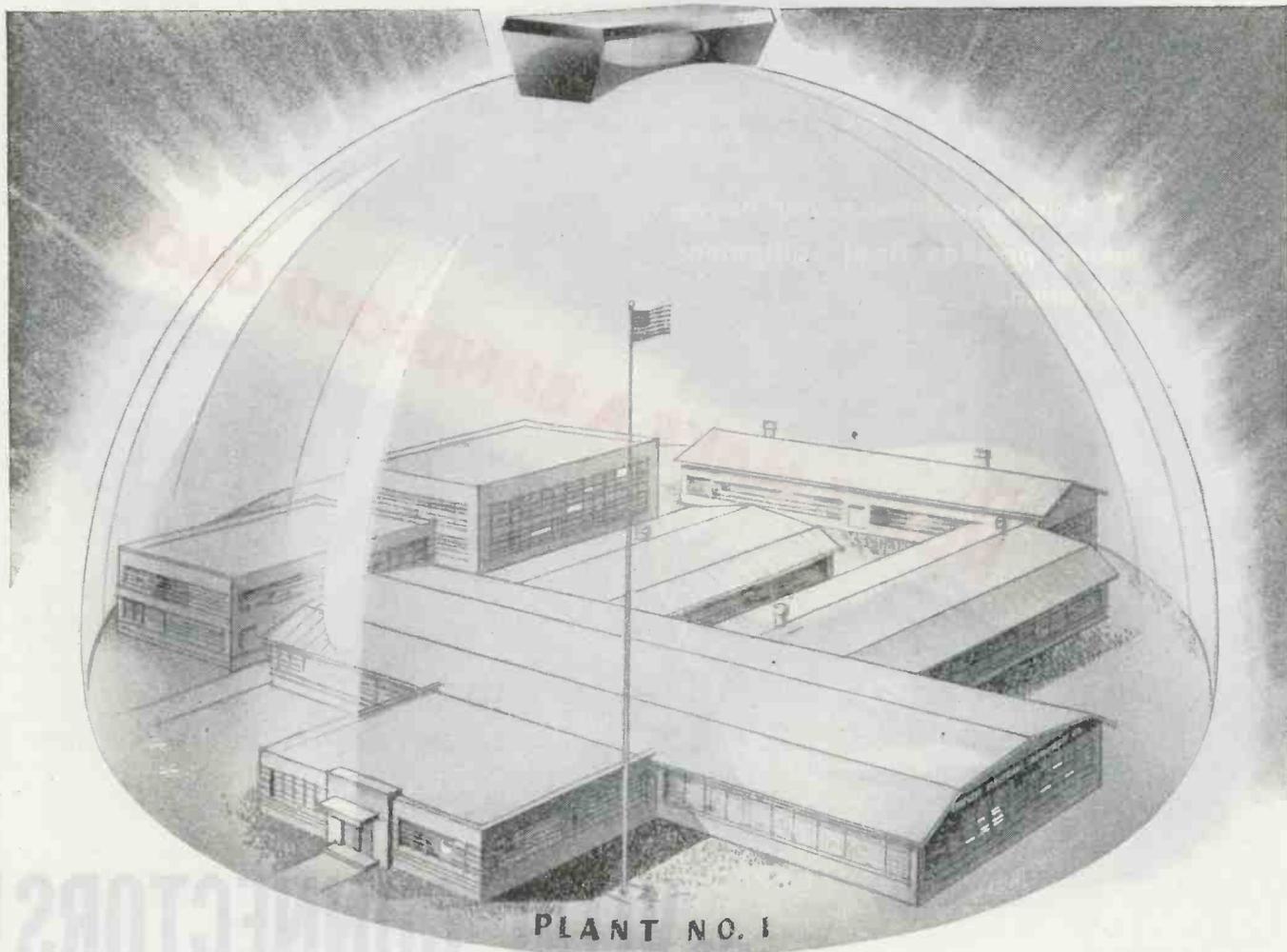
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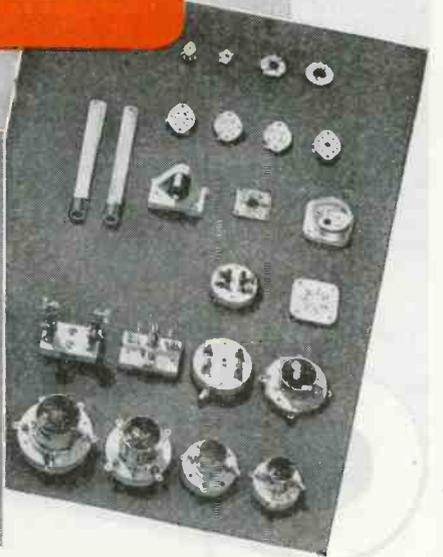
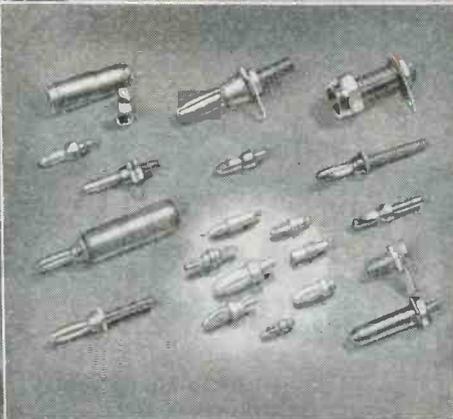
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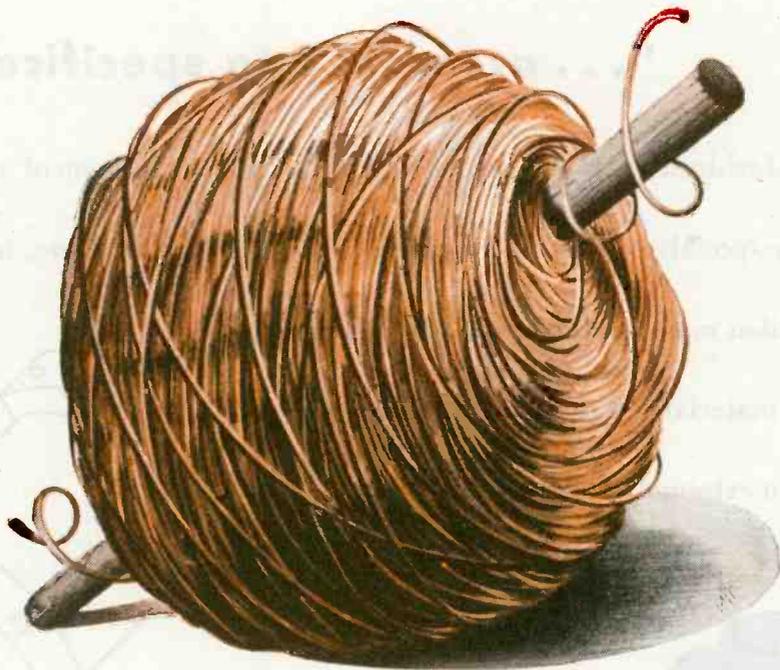


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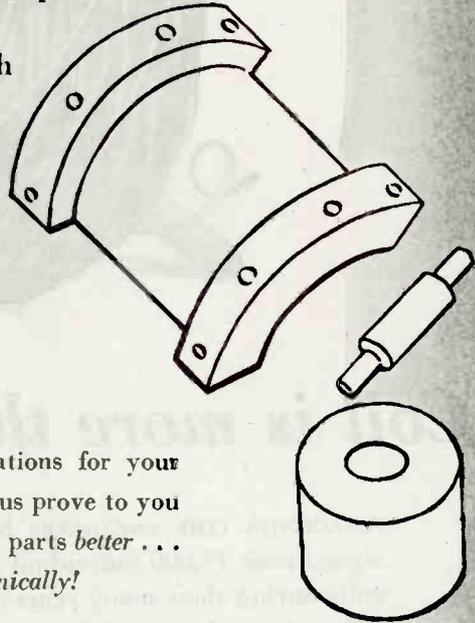
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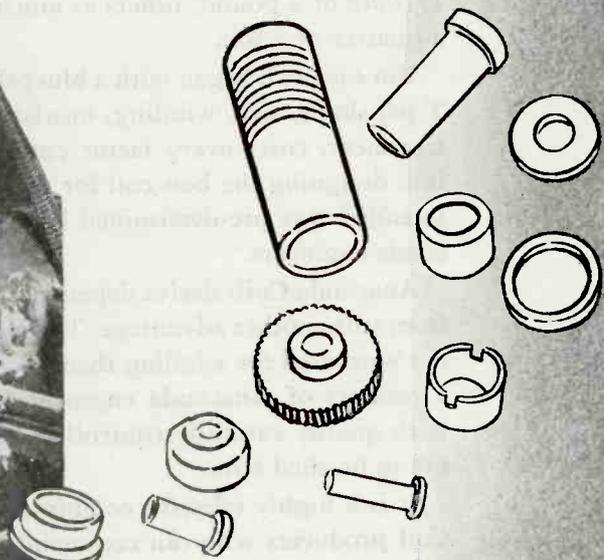
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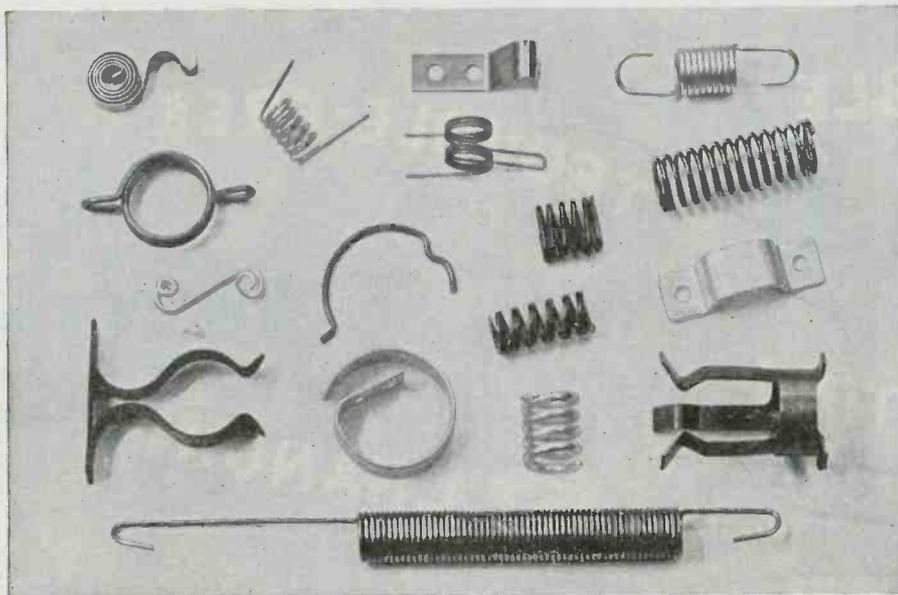
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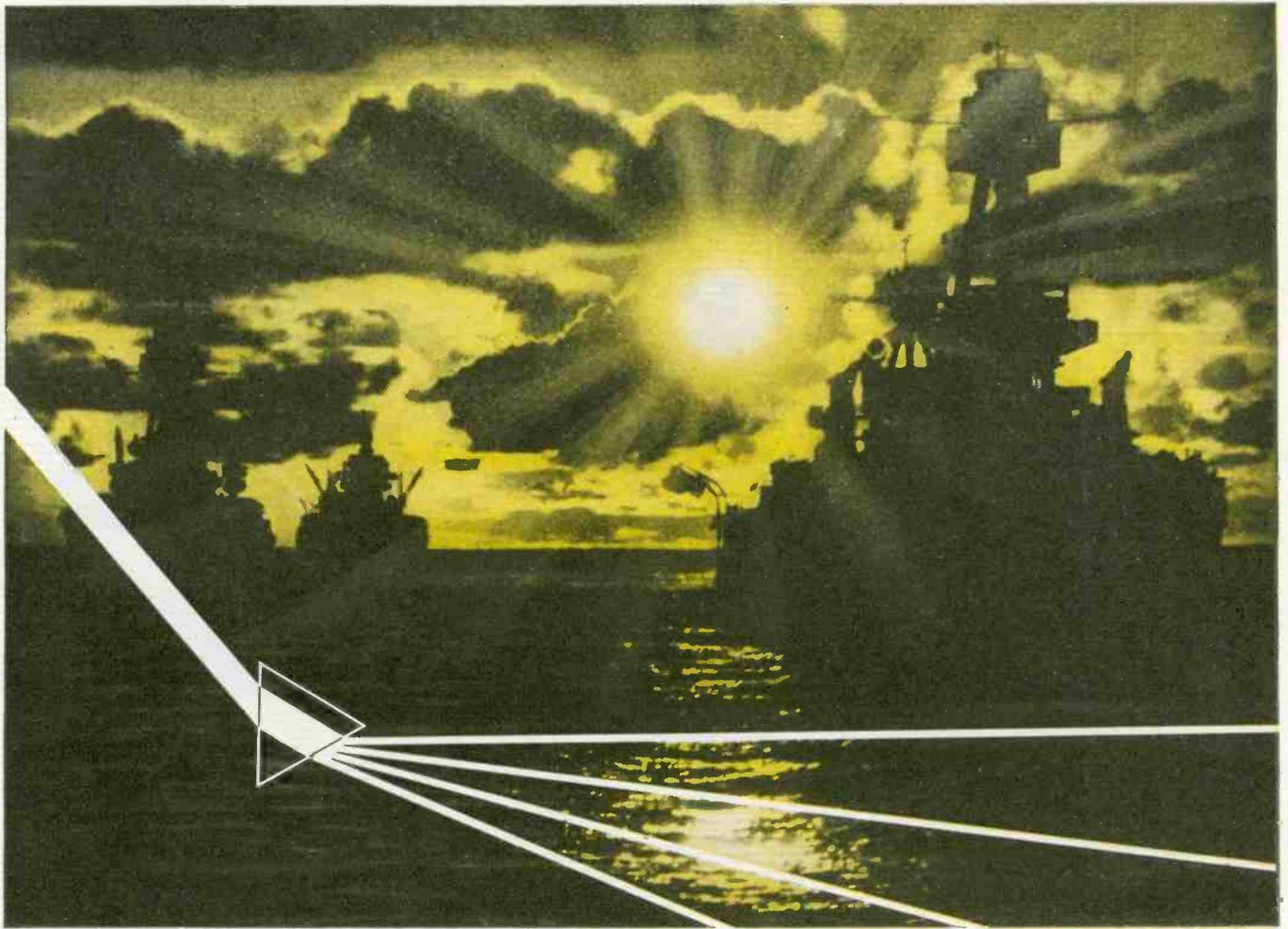
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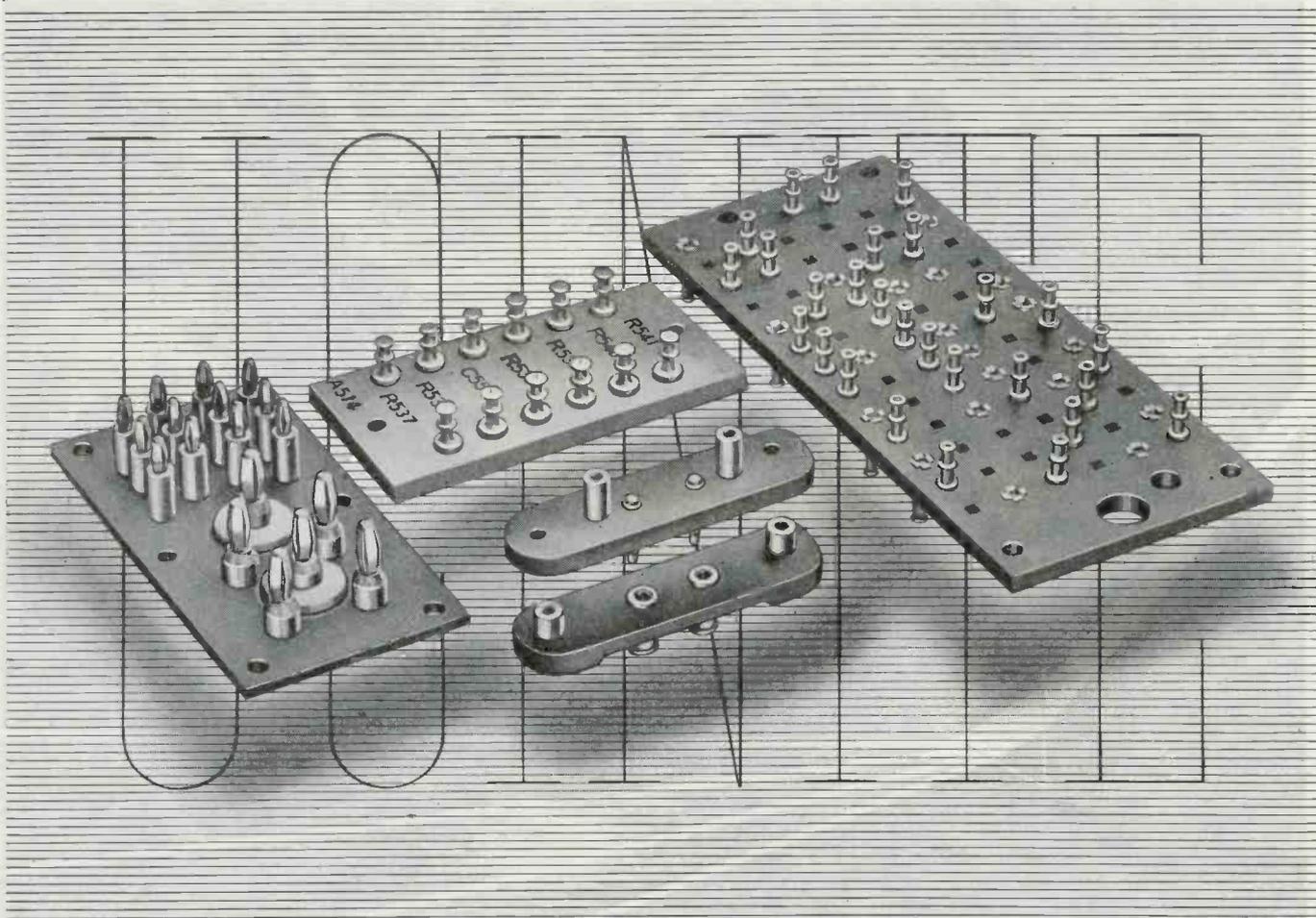
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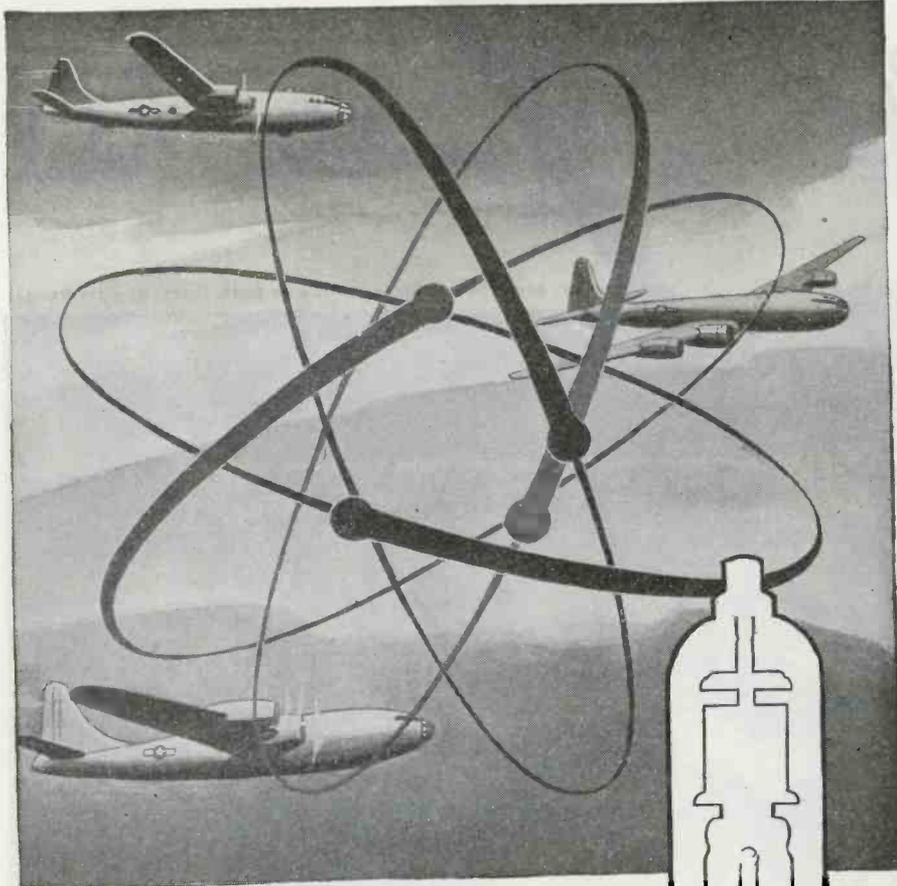
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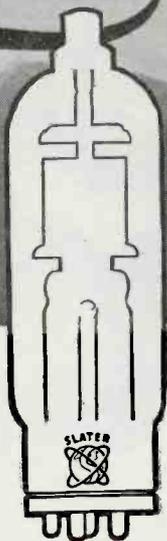
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BY ARTHUR G. NORRIS

THE FIRST COMMERCIALY produced group hearing aids were rather terrifying contraptions, full of knobs, wires and mystery, to say nothing of a frequency response which would not be tolerated in the cheapest radio today. The many wired appendages, complicated switching and volume control arrangements, and frequent failure of parts did nothing to alleviate the mystery and terror.

Refinement has been most apparent in the construction of parts for the sets and in their combination, but little attention has been paid to classroom utility. The present-day group hearing aids parallel closely the pattern set by the experimental sets built in the late 20's. Probably the reason for this has been that the makers of the group aids have never had to use them in a classroom full of squirming deaf youngsters. To the manufacturer, it has been a problem of high-fidelity amplification and there interest seemed to stop.

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Most group hearing aids manufactured for classroom or auditorium use have one or more of the following defects which seriously interfere with optimum use of the equipment:

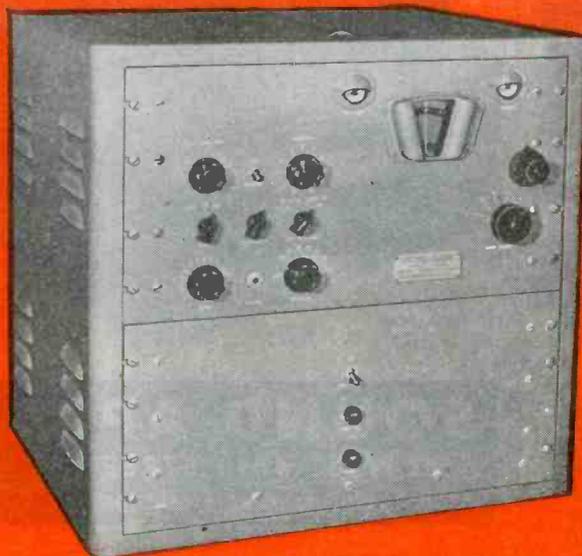
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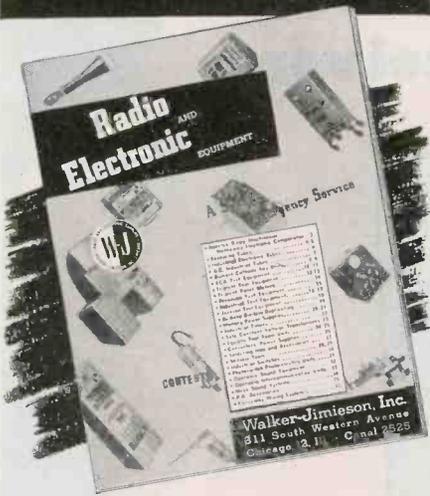
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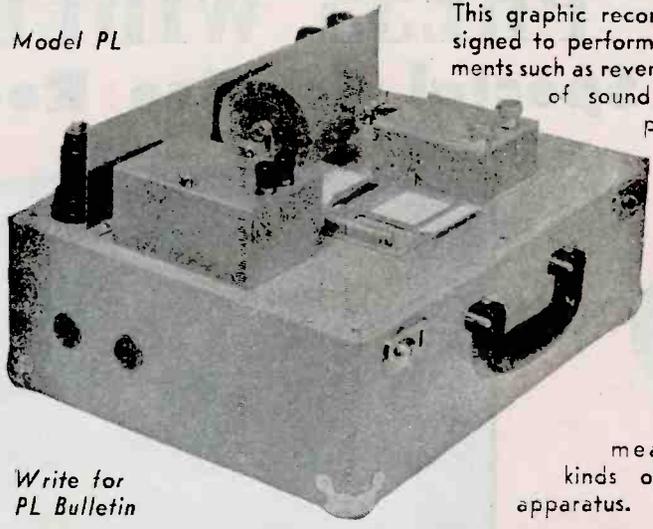
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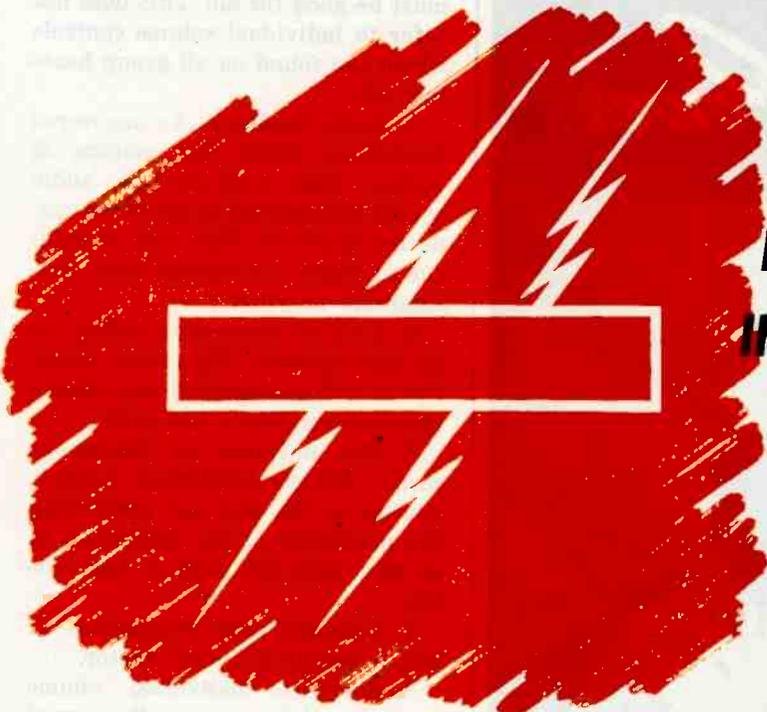
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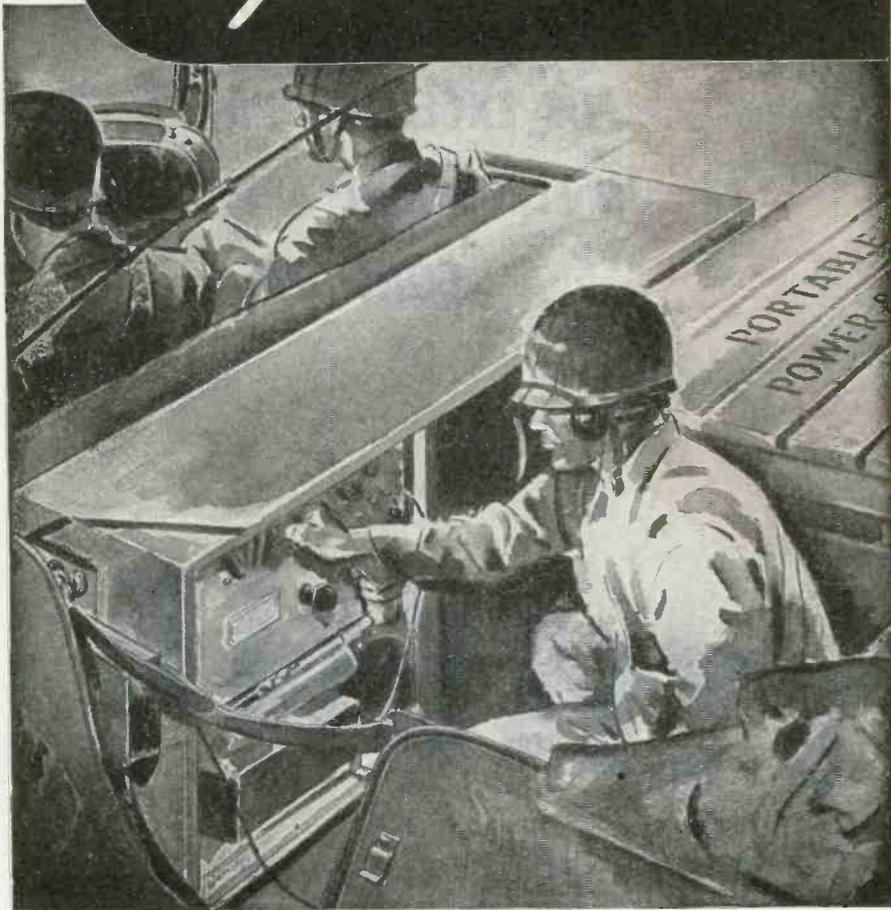
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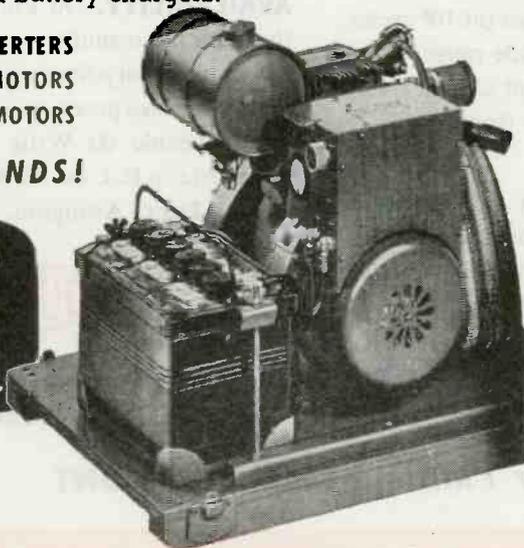
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must be good for all. This does not refer to individual volume controls which are found on all group hearing aids.

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5. Lack of room-wide pickup by the microphones. Here room acoustics as well as improved microphone installations play a big part.

6. The nuisance of headphone cords. Always developing "opens". Always in the way and restricting the movement of the individual to an area near the desk or seat outlet.

7. Uncomfortable headphones, in which weight is a large factor.

8. Short-life individual volume controls. Unless one with normal hearing checks these at frequent intervals, the deafened person is apt to interpret the scratchiness of a deteriorating control as a part of the sound picture.

9. The installation difficulties of the wiring system for carrying the amplifier output to the individual outlets, and also the nuisance of the wiring system for the microphone input—cords all over the place.

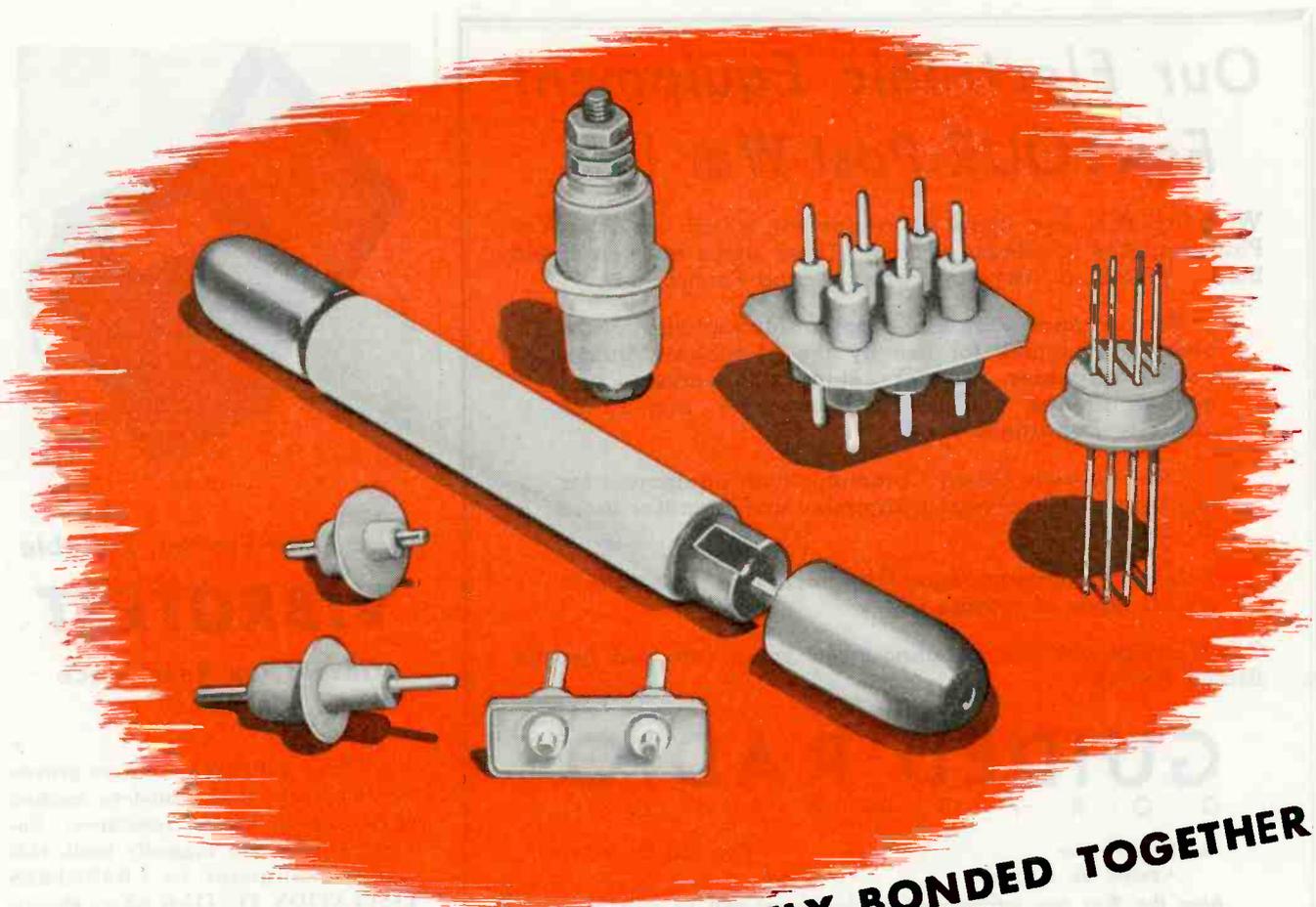
10. Only a few commercial group aids designed for schoolroom use have provision for radio or phonograph input. This would be a desirable feature.

Some of the suggestions advanced will be considered impractical, but we believe they point a direction for future investigation. All of these defects cannot be brushed aside with one sweep of the pen. By calling attention to these shortcomings, and at the same time pointing a direction in which possible solution lies, we will have accomplished our aim.

#### *Amplifier Design*

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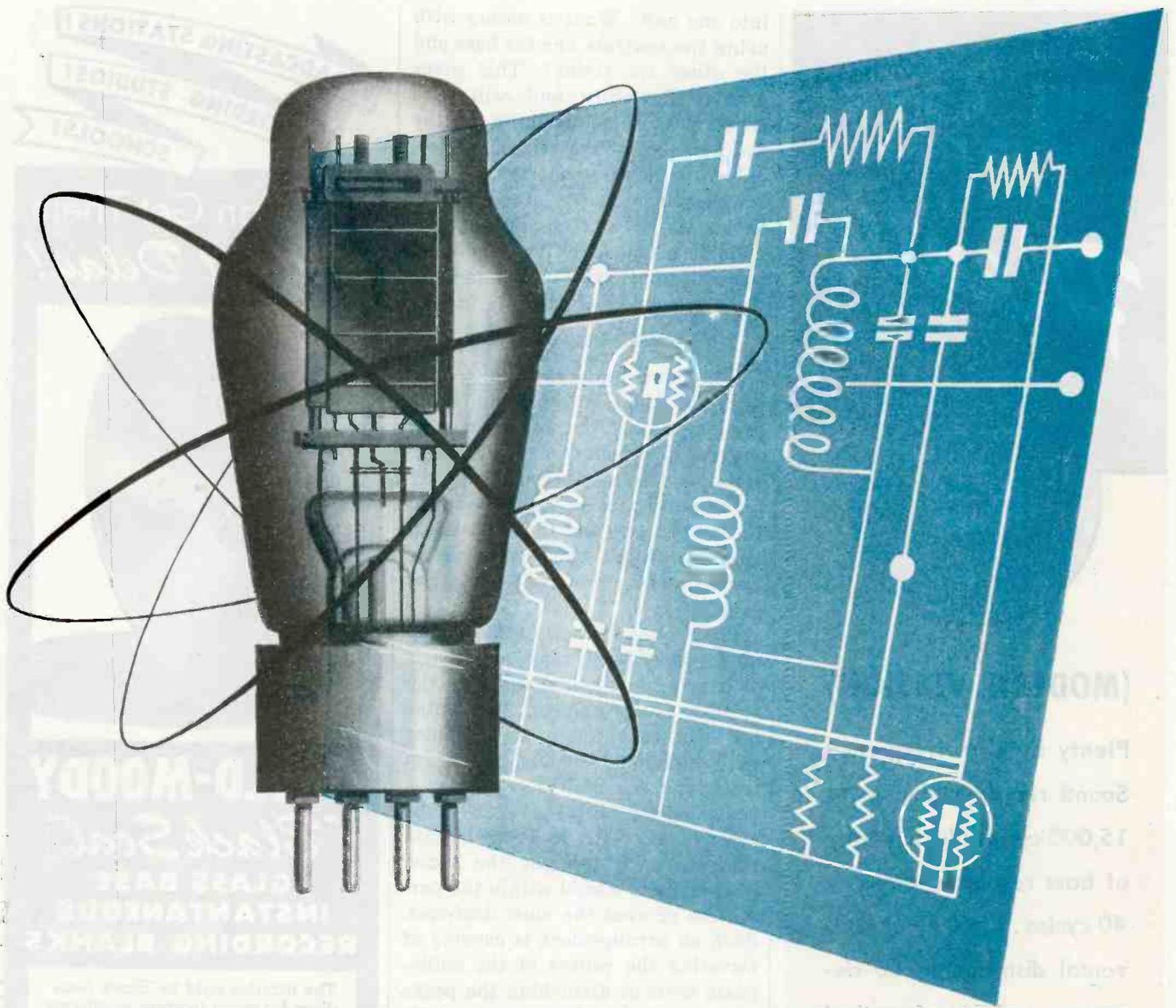
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### Feedback Problem

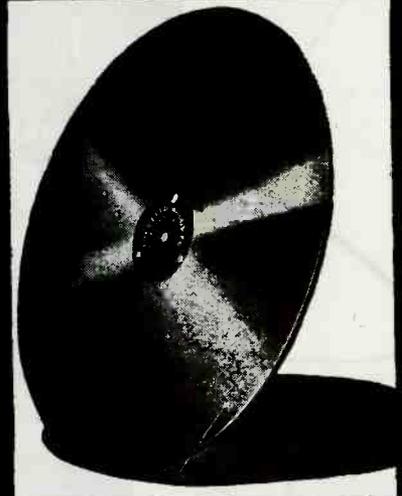
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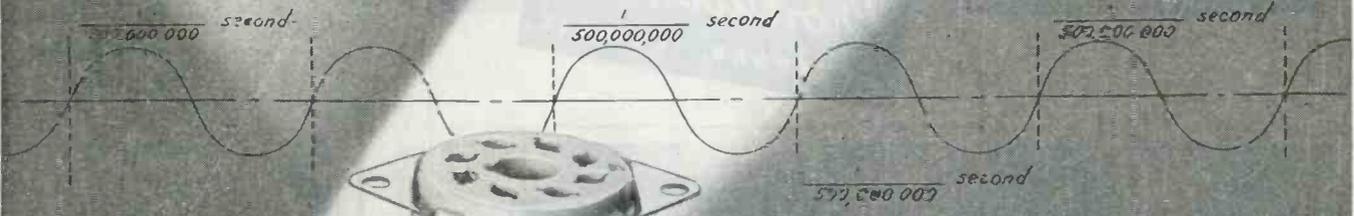
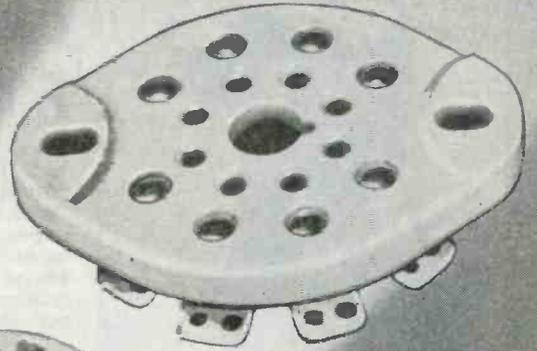


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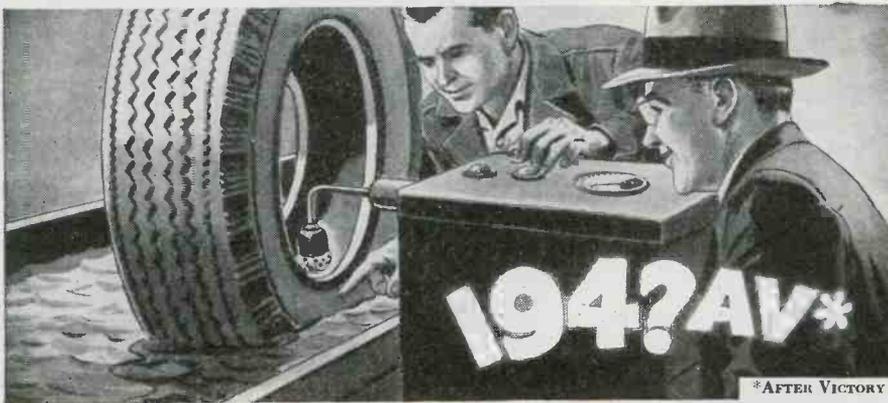
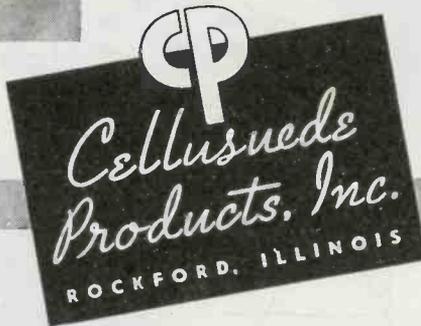


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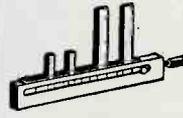
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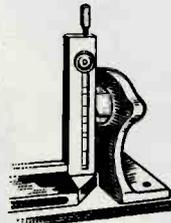
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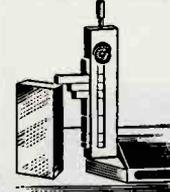
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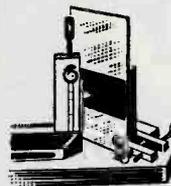
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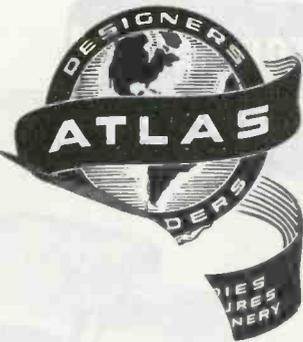
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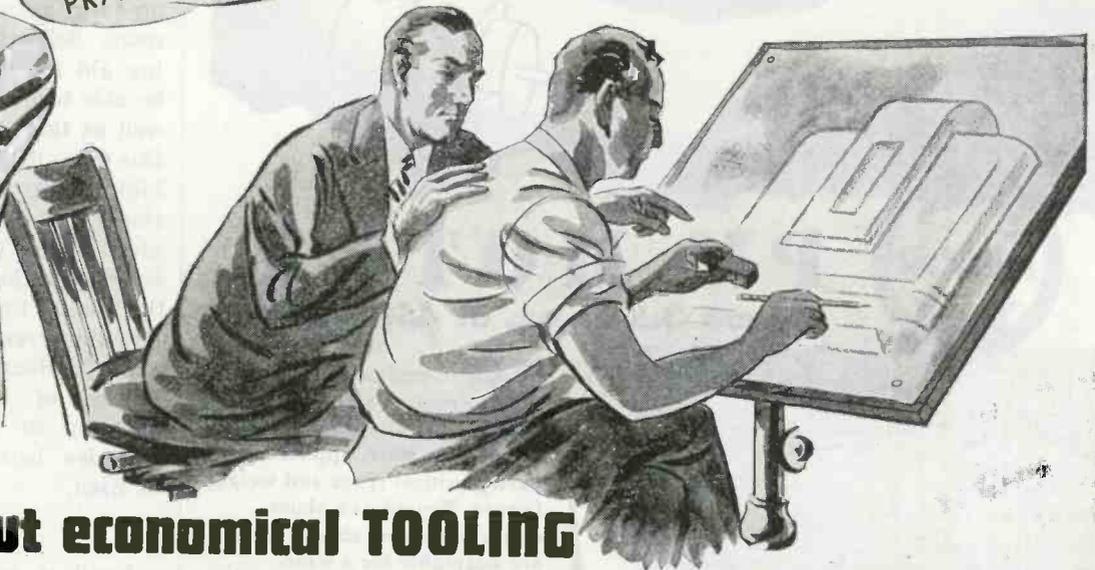
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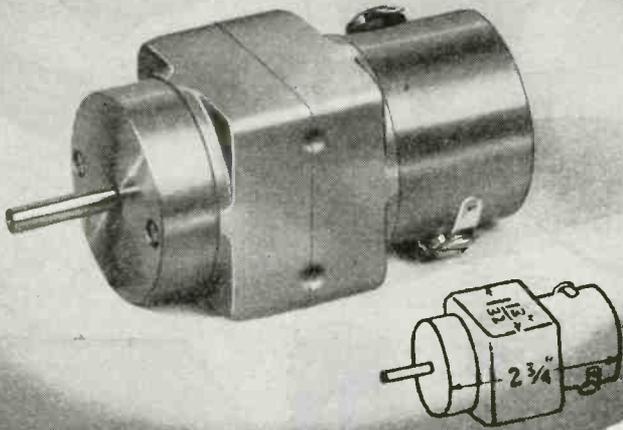


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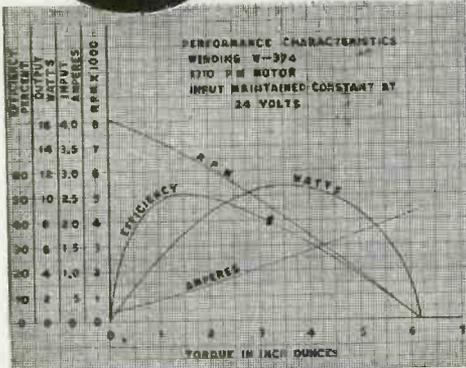


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Most commercially made group hearing aids in use today have microphones which are highly sensitive, but they still leave much to be desired in the matter of picking up faint voices in the back of the room. Schoolroom use of the hearing aid requires that the children be able to hear their own voices as well as that of the teacher. To do this the microphone must be of high quality and must be nondirectional. Placement of the microphone in the room has considerable bearing on the problem. In general, the greater the microphone sensitivity, the greater the trouble with audio feedback, but with the elimination of the feedback or the boosting of it to inaudible frequencies, better microphones could be used.

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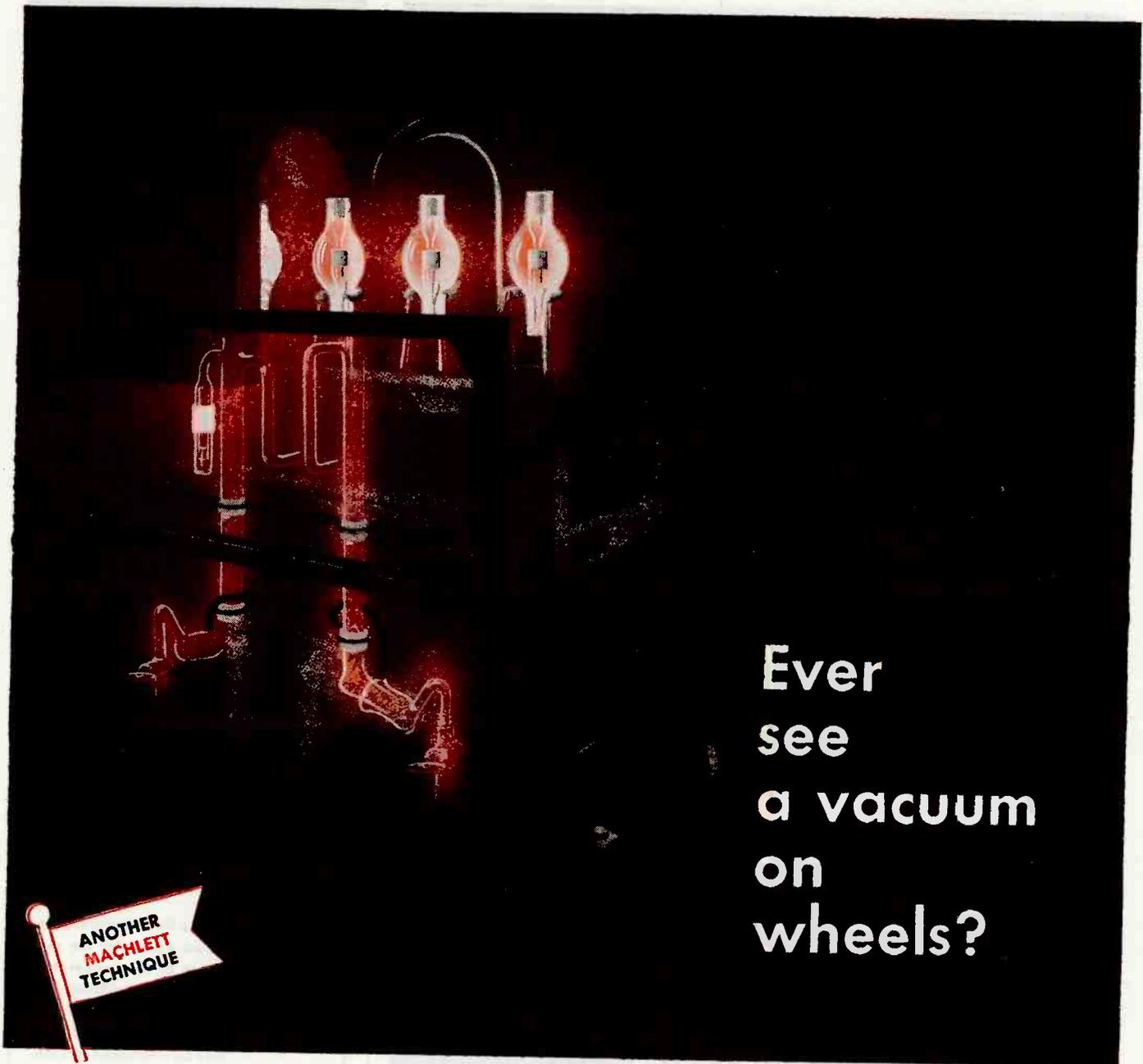
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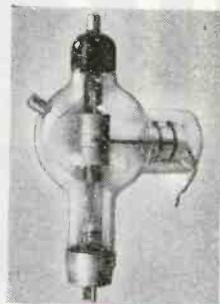
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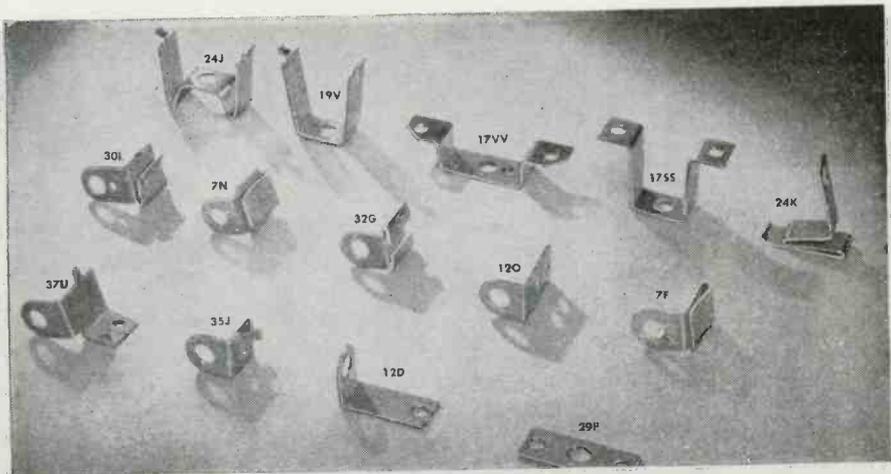
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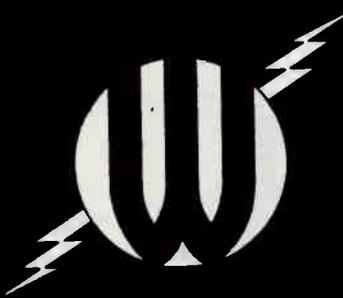


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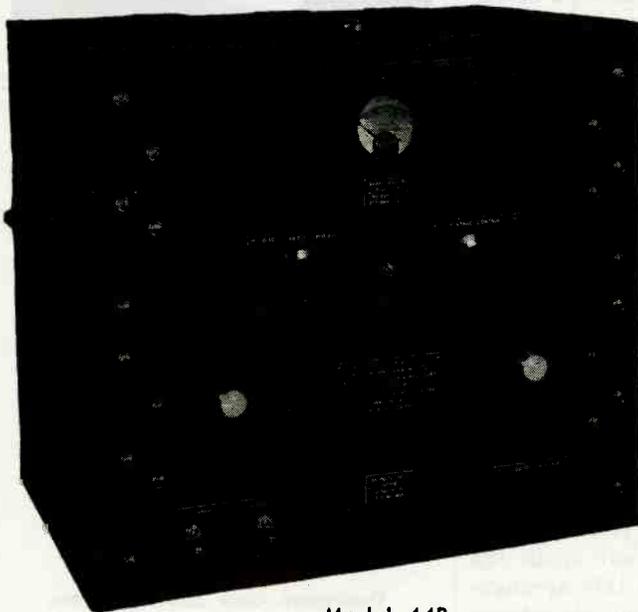
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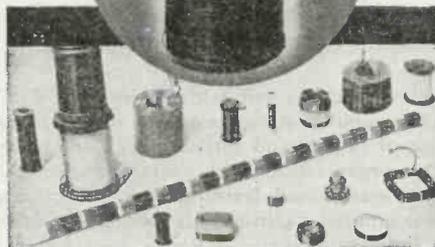
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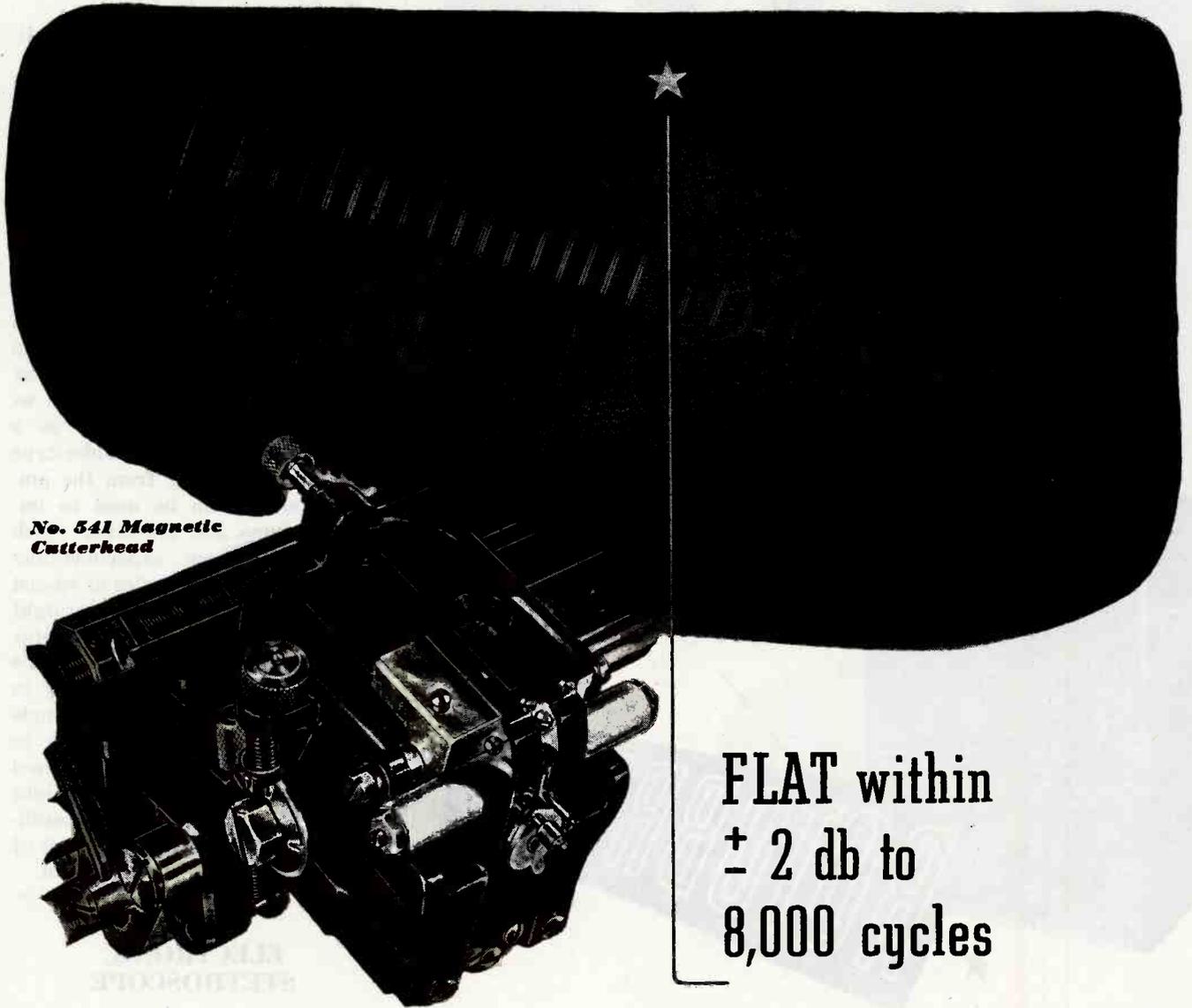
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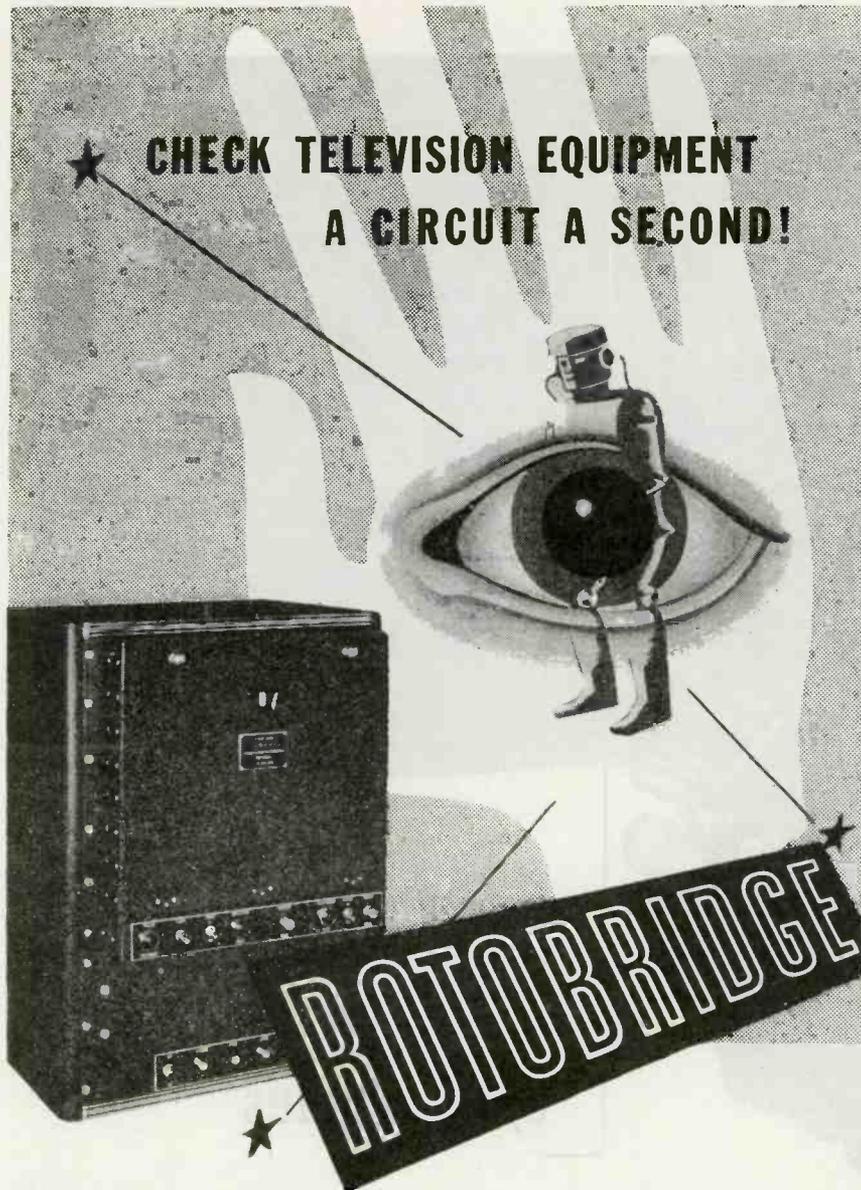
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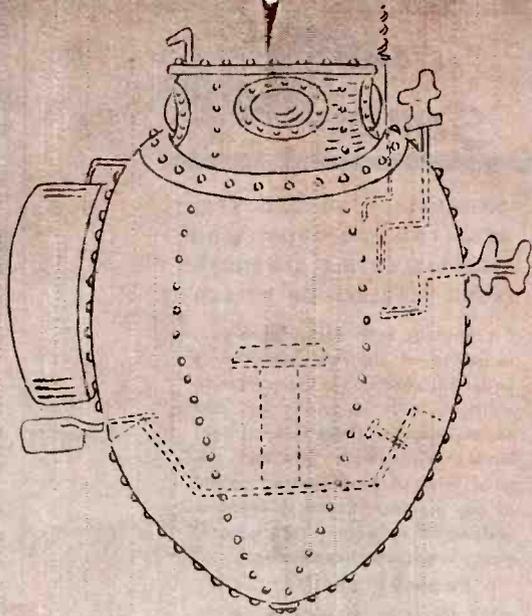
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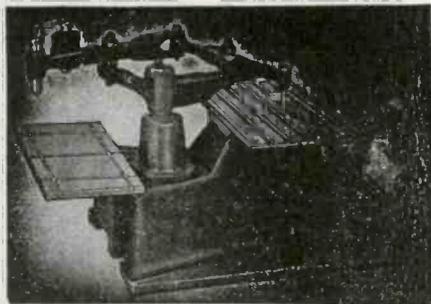
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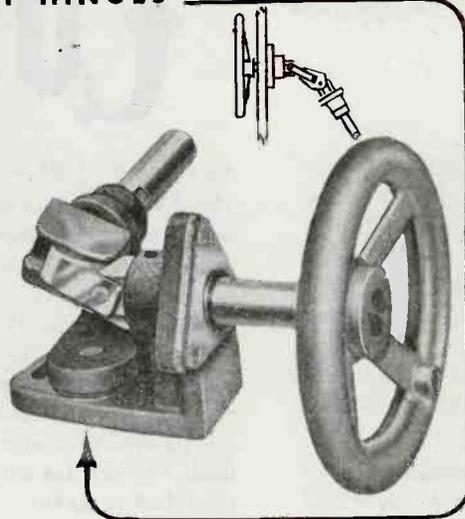
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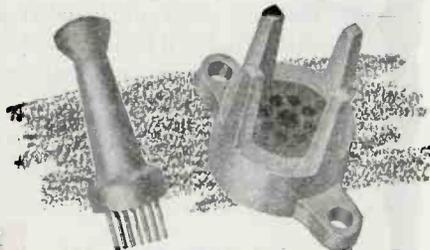


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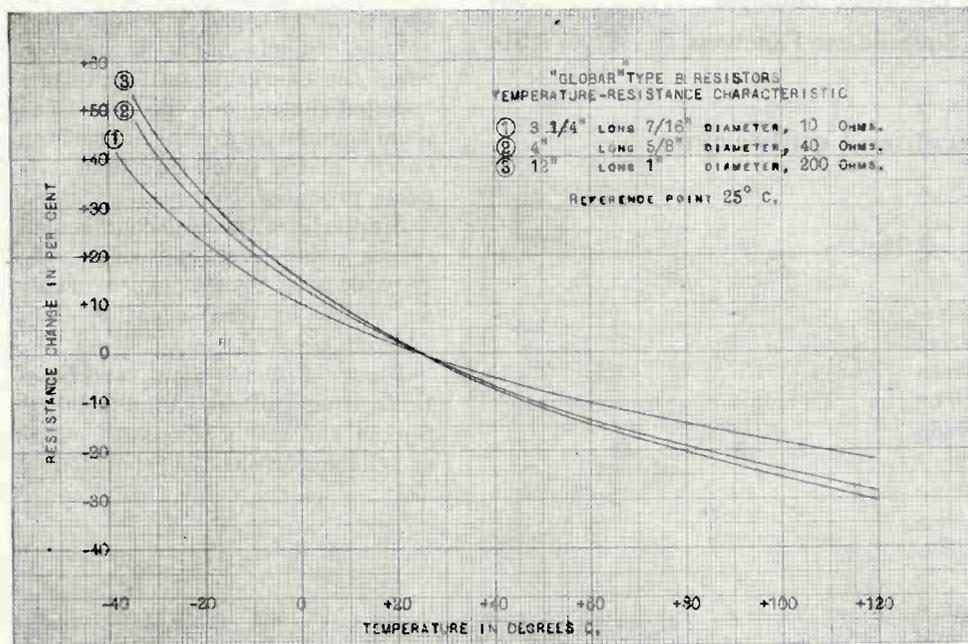


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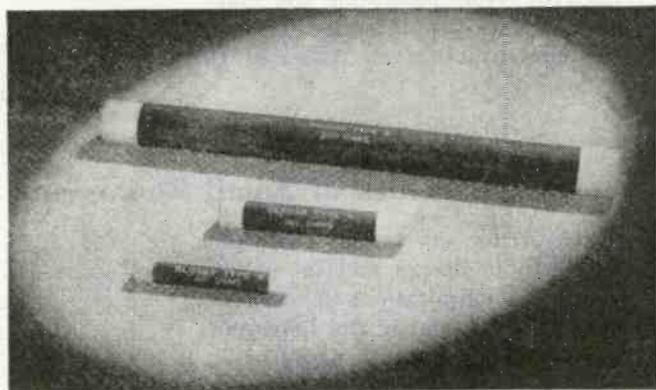


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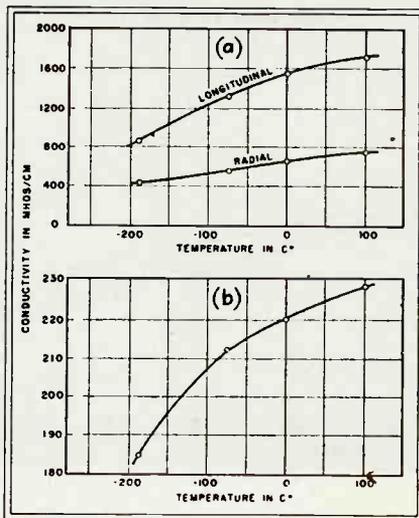
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## Low-Temperature Conductivity

THERMAL AND ELECTRICAL conductivity of graphite and carbon at low temperatures are discussed by R. A. Buerschaper in the *Journal of Applied Physics* for May, 1944. Electrical conductivity obtained from laboratory measurements is given in the accompanying graphs. The tests were conducted on Acheson graphite electrodes cut into rods along the electrode axis, and along the radius, and on carbon electrodes, both supplied by the National Carbon Co.

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(a) Electrical conductivity of graphite vs temperature. (b) Electrical conductivity of carbon vs temperature

## Acoustics of Small Rooms and Studios

INFORMATION OF VALUE, both for small studio design and in understanding the limitations imposed on final reproduction by the listener's room, is contained in a paper by J. Moir in *Wireless World* (Dorset House, Stamford St., London, S.E.1., England) for November, 1944.

Small-room reproduction, to be comparable to concert-hall performance, must produce the same instantaneous and spatial acoustic pattern. To determine how closely this goal could be reached, theoretical analyses of other investigators were compared with data taken in the room shown in Fig. 1.

### Reverberation Time

Sabine concluded from investigation of acoustics of rooms that the primary factor was the time taken

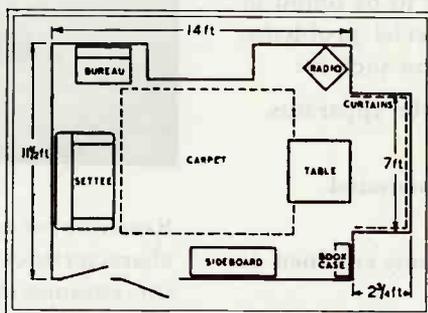


Fig. 1—Walls of this room used for acoustic measurements were distempere and the floor was covered with linoleum

for room boundaries to absorb the sound energy after cessation of the initial sound. He defined reverberation time as that period taken for the average sound energy to decay to -60 db below its initial value, and developed empirical equations from which reverberation time of a room could be calculated.

Average sound energy in a room grows exponentially, from the instant the sound source commences, in accordance with the equation  $P = (4E/cSa) (1 - e^{-c\alpha t/V})$  where  $P$  is the sound energy density,  $E$  is the rate of emission of the source,  $c$  the velocity of sound,  $S$  the total surface area,  $\alpha$  the average absorption coefficient, and  $V$  is the room volume. Steady state is reached when the energy is uniformly distributed throughout the room. The room boundaries are then absorbing energy at the same rate that it is being produced.

Similarly, when the sound source ceases, the average sound energy density decays exponentially as given by the equation  $P = (4E/cSa) e^{-c\alpha t/V}$ .

Figure 2 shows how reverberation time affects intelligibility. Speech and music consist of series of syllables or phrases separated by

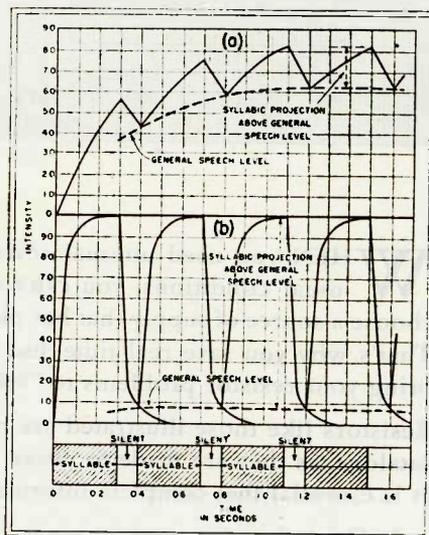


Fig. 2—Growth and decay of sound in a room (a) of 5 sec reverberation time, and (b) of 0.5 sec reverberation time show the general speech level and the syllabic projection above that level

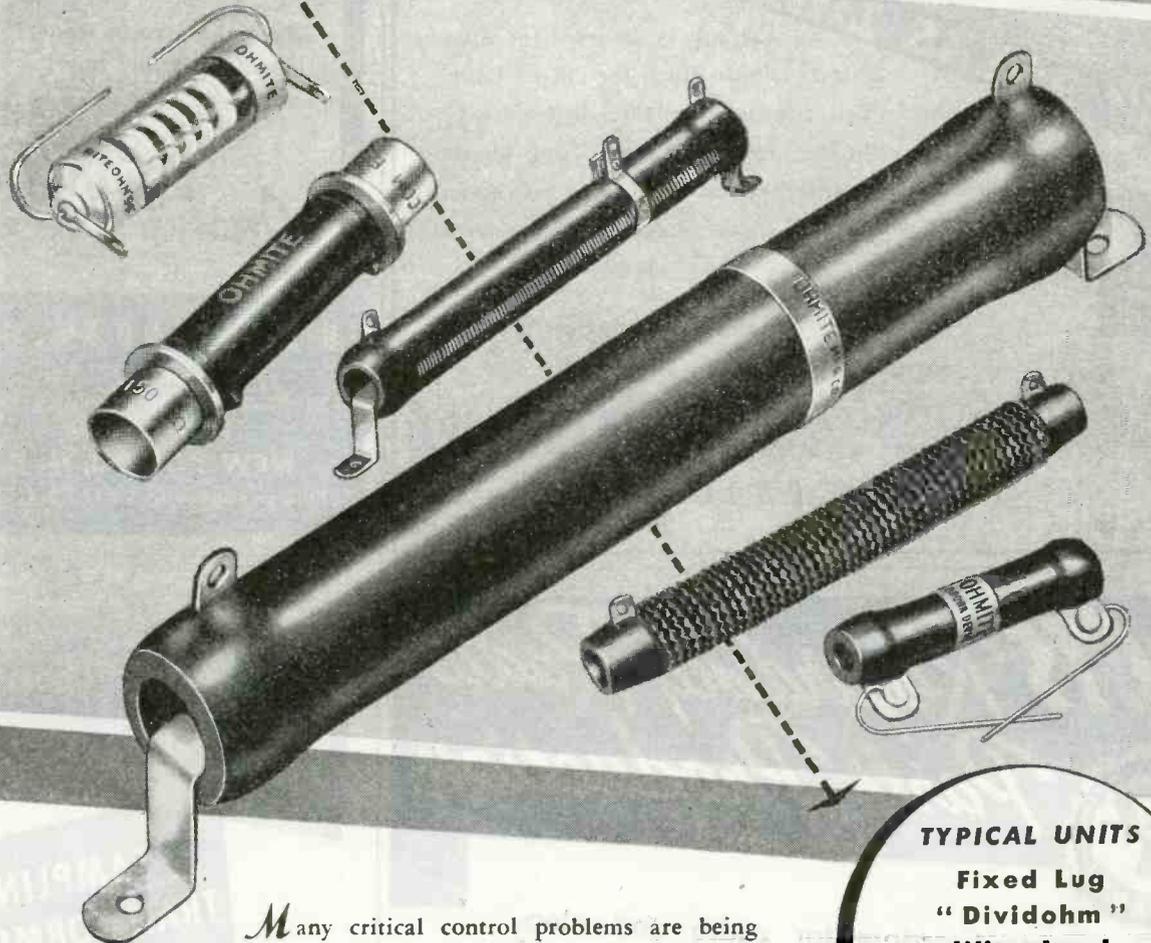
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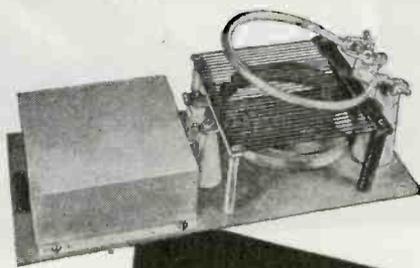
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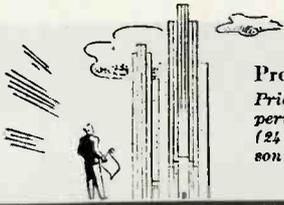
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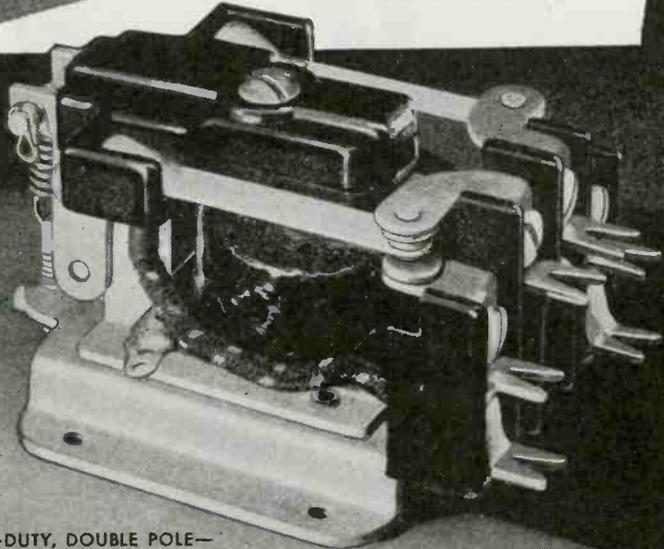
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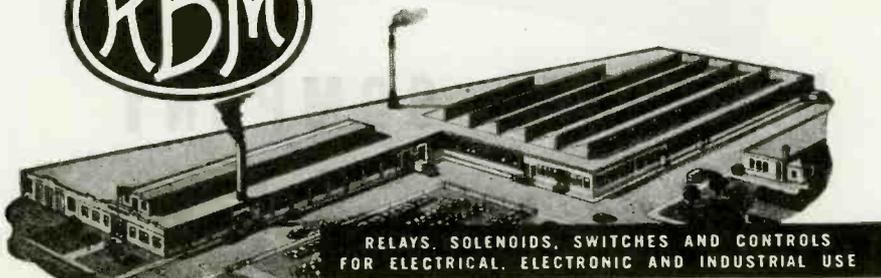


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Sabine gives for reverberation time the empirical equation  $T = 0.05V/S\alpha$ . The most convenient control of this time is through the absorption coefficient. Absorption co-

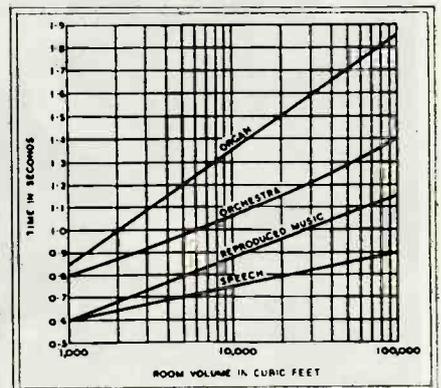
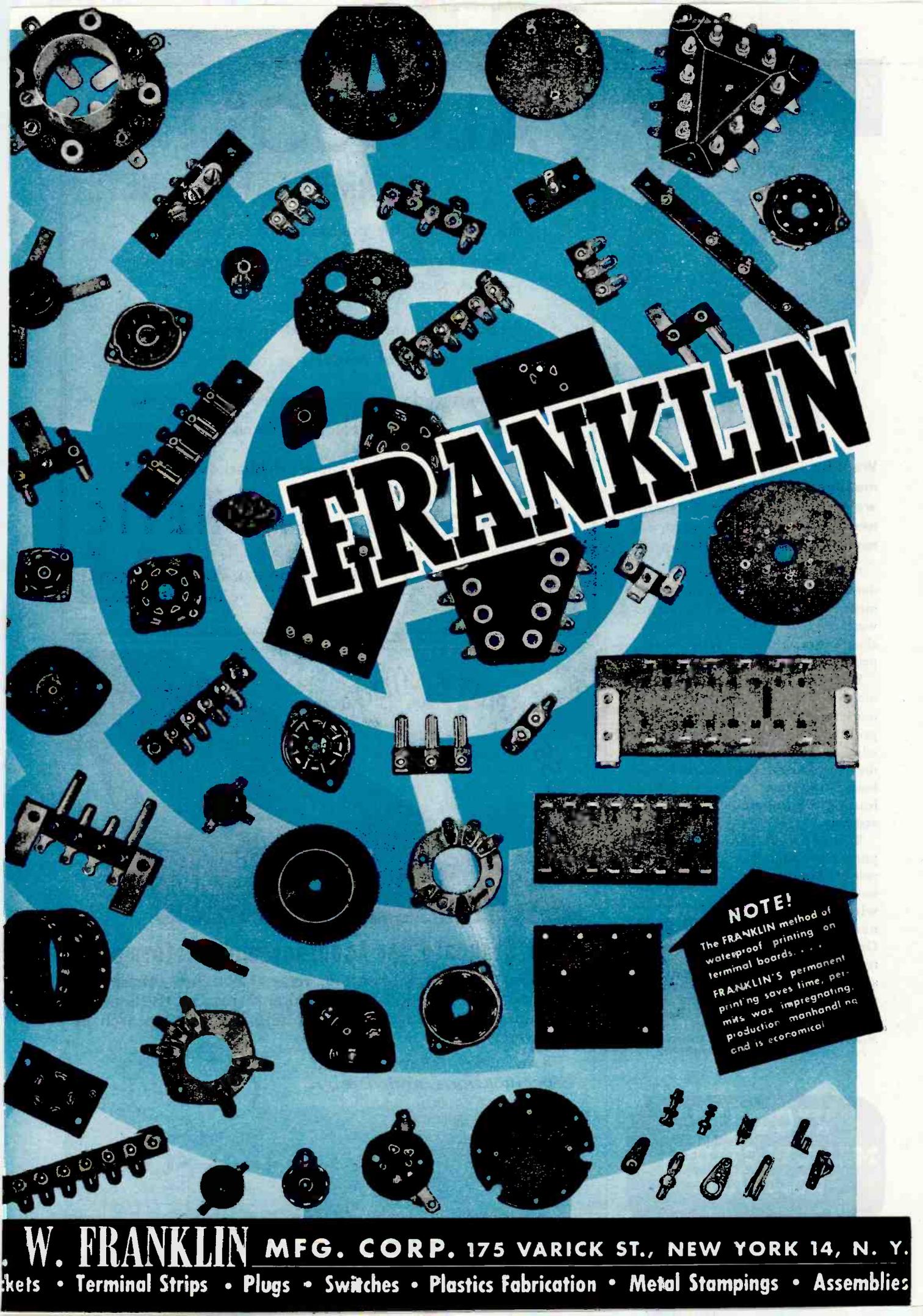


Fig. 3—Subjectively determined optimum reverberation times for different types of sound in various sizes of rooms

efficient expresses the effectiveness of a material in absorbing incident sound. For hard rigid material,  $\alpha$  is low; for soft porous material, it approaches unity. Figure 4 presents some of the available data on absorption coefficients of material common in domestic architecture. It will be seen that sound absorption varies with frequency.

Theoretical work of Knudson and McNair suggests that optimum reverberation time should change with frequency as shown in Fig. 5. Experience substantiates this theory, except above 3 kc where a gradual fall with increasing frequency of reverberation time appears more acceptable.

Measurements in the room of Fig. 1 show the reverberation time vs frequency of the measured curve in Fig. 5. It will be seen that the observed reverberation time is below the optimum time. Some of the absorbent material such as chairs and carpet was removed but this did not



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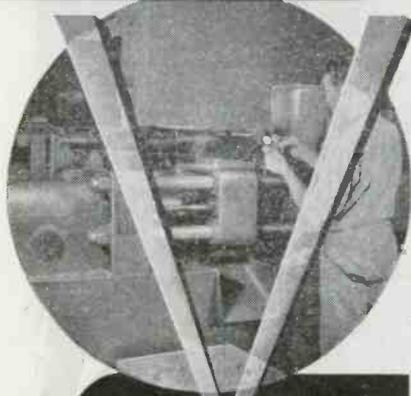
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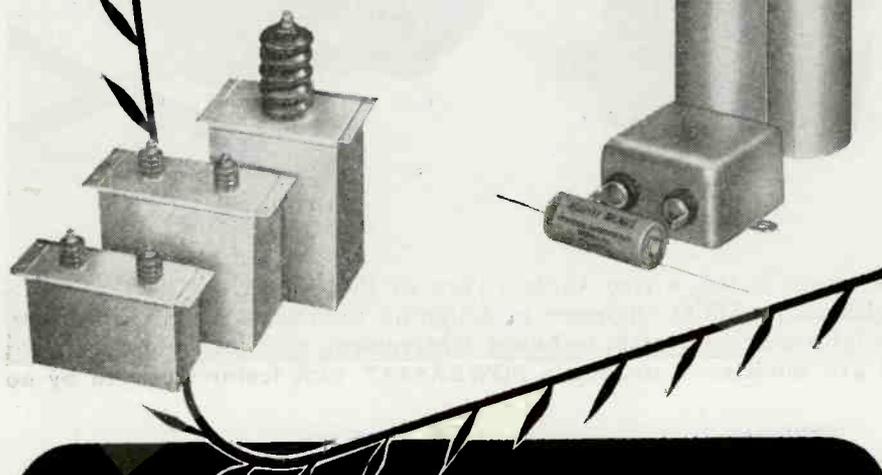
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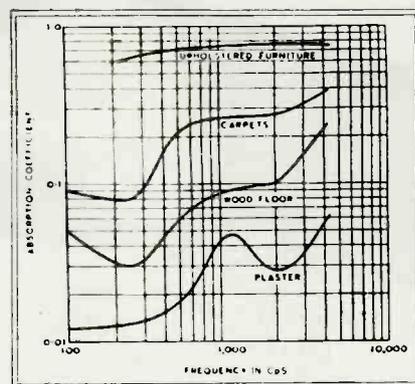


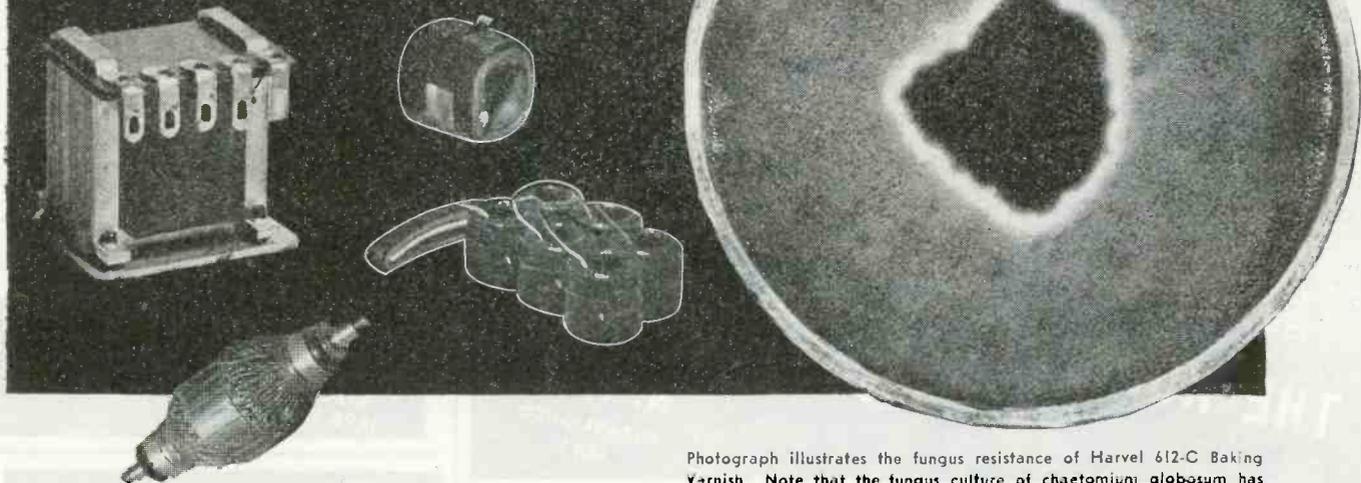
Fig. 4—Absorption coefficients of typical domestic surface materials

quency where they are resonant. Increasing the mass of the surface will place this frequency below the audible range, although, the usual domestic construction is such as to provide excellent vibrating absorbers in the lower audible register. The result is the bass-deficient measured characteristic rather than the optimum reverberation time vs frequency characteristic of Fig. 5.

The direct effect of this deficiency is an obvious lack of bass because sound intensity in an enclosure is almost directly proportional to reverberation time. This lack of bass cannot be completely corrected by increasing the bass output of the loudspeaker, although it may be partially corrected in this manner. The subtle difference is that reverberation adds coloration to the di-

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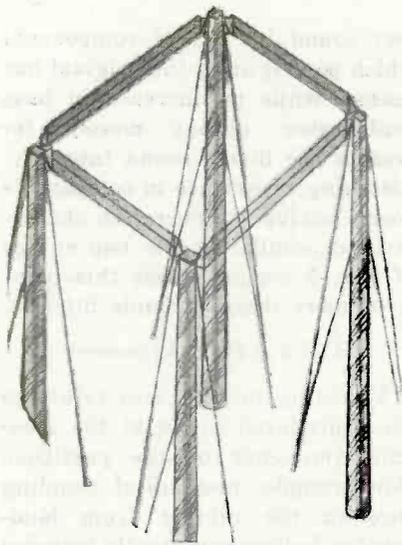
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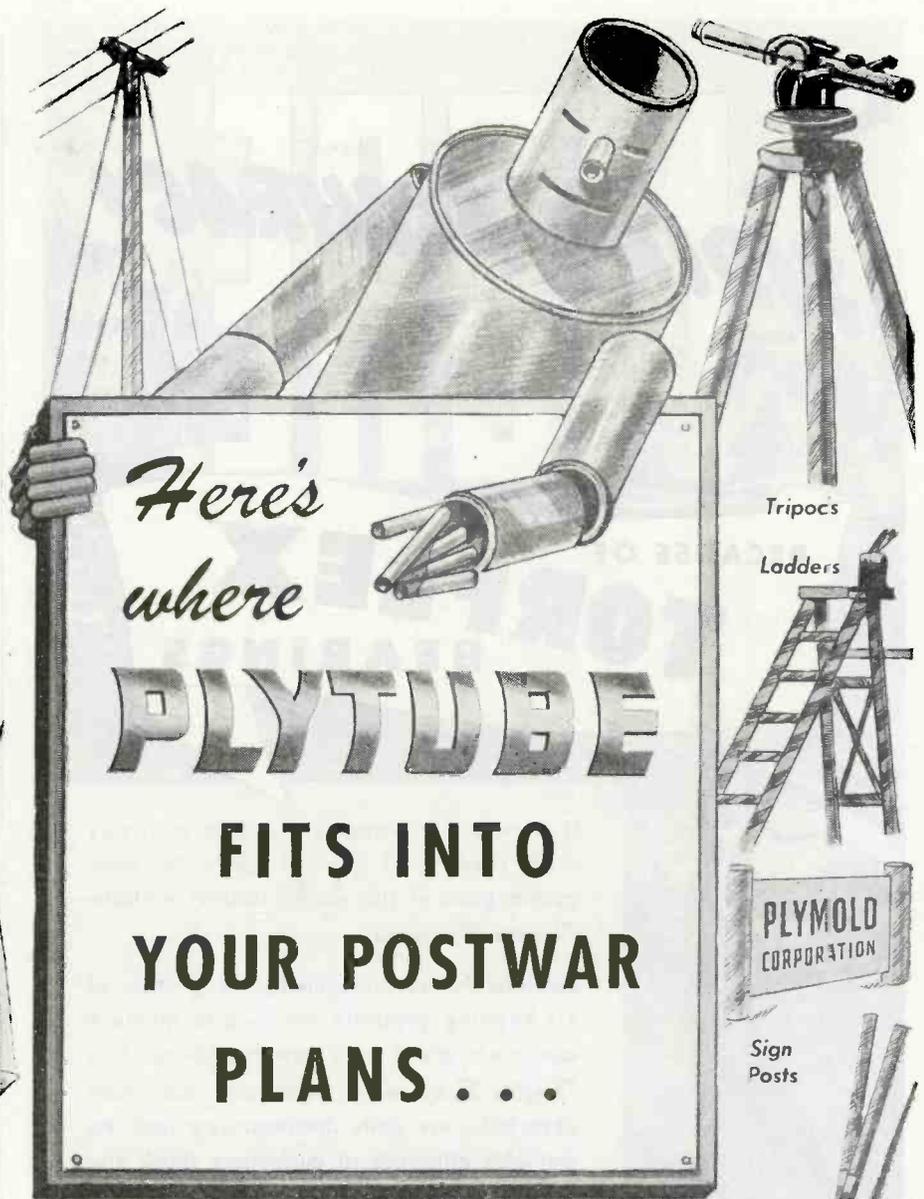
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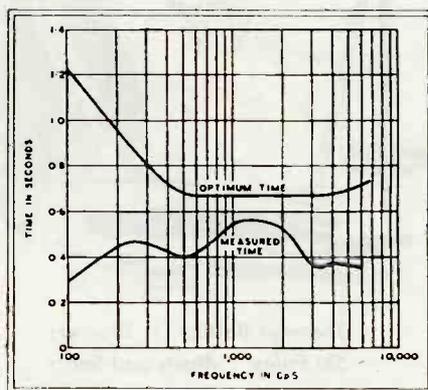


Fig. 5—Optimum and measured reverberation times for the room of Fig. 1 as a function of frequency

has a slower rate of decay than the room, with the result that the partition returns energy at its resonant frequency to the room after normal room vibration has ceased. If the returned energy was at the frequency of the incident energy, the effect would only be to increase the decay time, but transient sound having frequency components near partition resonance or harmonically related frequencies will produce reverberation at the resonant frequency of the partition. This re-radiated energy, having been translated in frequency by the partition, may be discordant unless of very low intensity compared to the fun-

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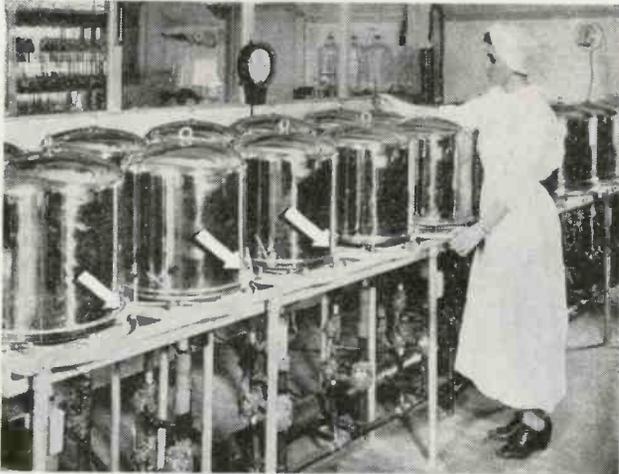
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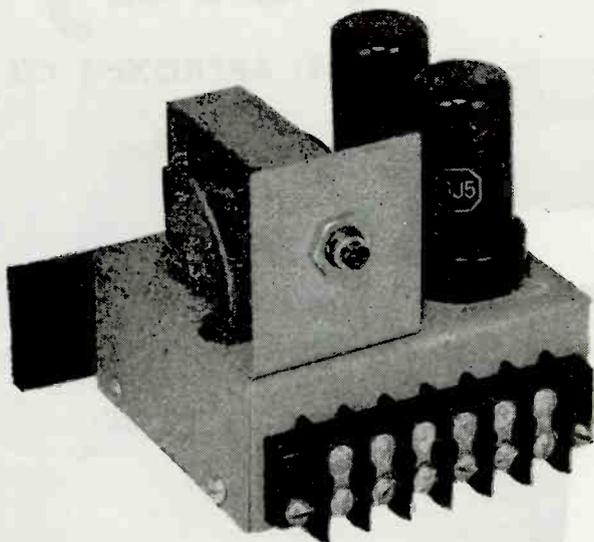
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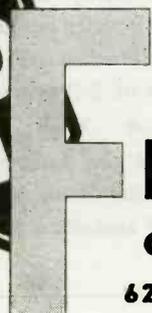
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where  $L$  is length,  $W$  width,  $H$  is height, and  $A, B, D$  are integers 0, 1, 2, 3, etc. From this equation it is seen that a small room can have an anharmonically related series of peaks in its frequency characteristic. The effect of these partition and room resonances may be such as to increase a 5-percent harmonic in the electrical system to a 50-percent harmonic in the final reproduced sound.

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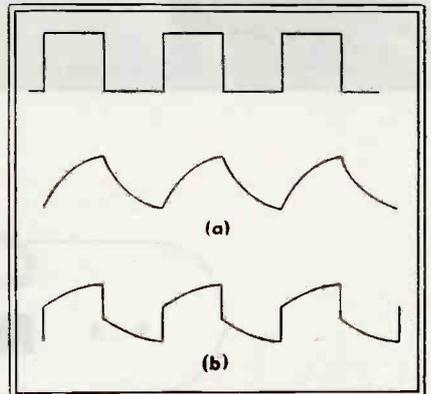
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dent that in small rooms quality reproduction of low notes is the most difficult, and that—because of accumulated experience listening in large halls—small-room reproduction does not fit our concept of quality. However, the position is rapidly changing to one in which a high percentage of our listening is done in small rooms and our standards of good quality may undergo a gradual change.

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Square-wave modulation signal is reproduced by an a-m system involving a resonant circuit as at (a), and by an f-m system containing the same resonant circuit as at (b)

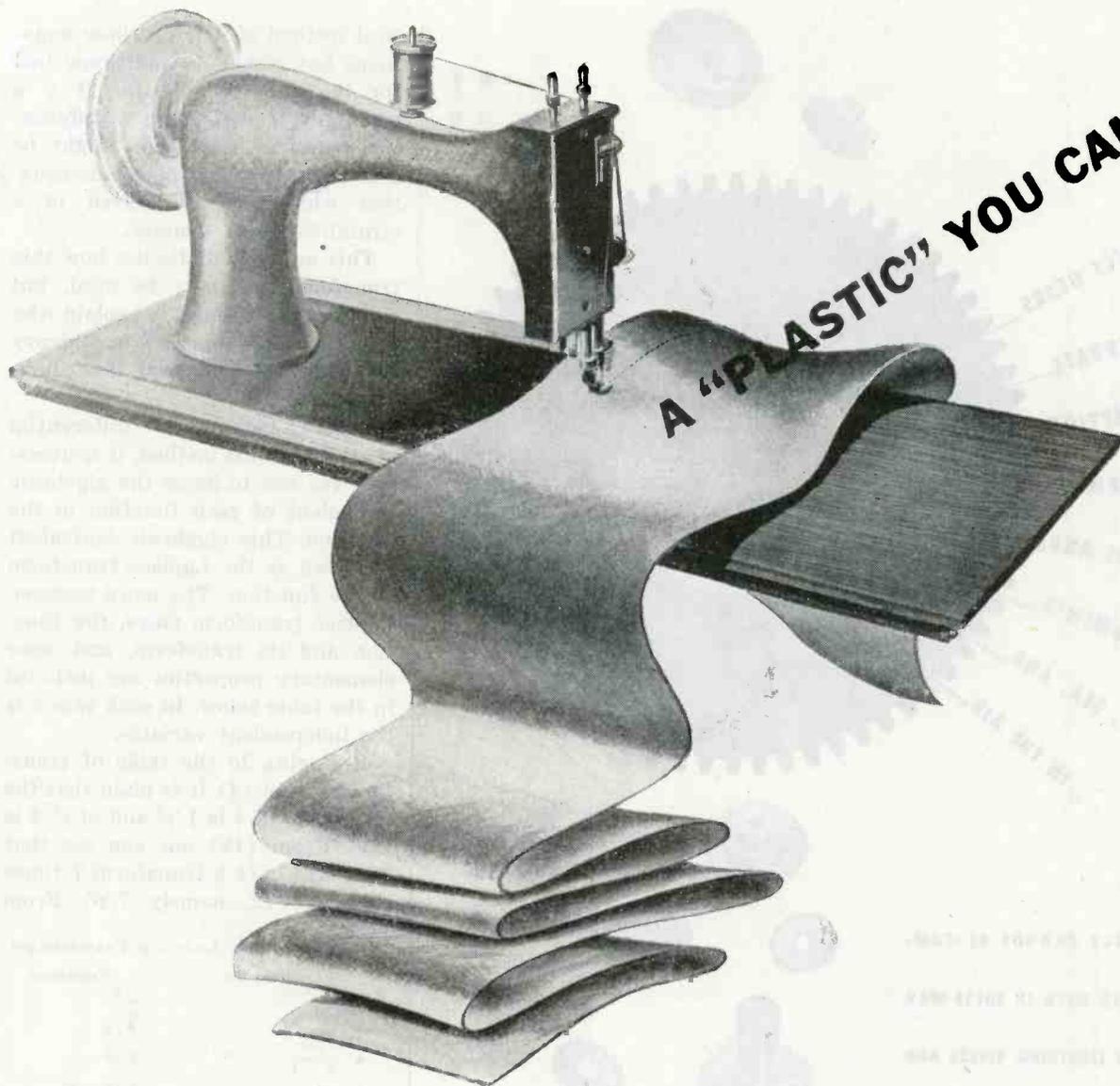
width which is large compared with the circuit bandwidth, the response of a system in which all elements but the parallel resonant circuit are linear is shown in the accompanying illustration. Similar results are obtained for wideband sinusoidal modulation.

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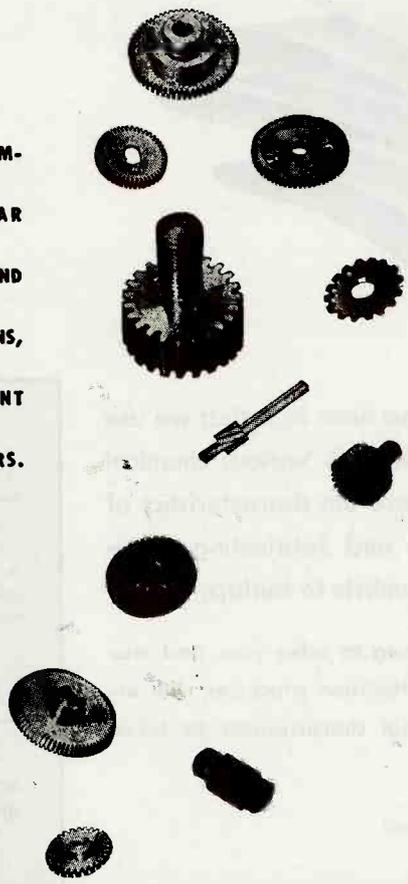
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sical method of solving these equations, but rather an additional tool for the engineer. Briefly, it is a means of transforming a differential equation into what might be called an equivalent algebraic equation which can be solved in a straightforward manner.

This article will discuss how this transformation may be used, but will make no attempt to explain why it works. This approach is contrary to sound mathematical procedure, but it is practical.

Before tackling a differential equation by this method, it is necessary for one to know the algebraic equivalent of each function in the equation. This algebraic equivalent is known as the Laplace transform of the function. The more common Laplace transform pairs, the function and its transform, and some elementary properties are included in the table below. In each case  $t$  is the independent variable.

Referring to the table of transforms, from (4) it is plain that the transform of  $t$  is  $1/p^2$  and of  $t^2/2$  is  $1/p^3$ . From (13) one can see that  $7t^2/2$  will have a transform 7 times that of  $t^2/2$ , namely  $7/p^3$ . From

SHORT TABLE OF LAPLACE TRANSFORMS

	Function	Transform
1	1 (unity)	$1/p$
2	$x$	$x/p$
3	$K$	$K/p$
4	$\frac{t^{n-1}}{n-1}$	$1/p^n$
5	$e^{at}$	$1/(p-a)$
6	$dx/dt$	$pX - x_0$
7	$d^2x/dt^2$	$p^2X - px_0 - x_1$
8	$\sin \omega t$	$\omega/(p^2 + \omega^2)$
9	$\cos \omega t$	$p/(p^2 + \omega^2)$
10	$\text{Sinh } \omega t$	$\omega/(p^2 - \omega^2)$
11	$\text{cosh } \omega t$	$p/(p^2 - \omega^2)$
12	$\frac{1}{(p+a)(p-b)}$	$\frac{e^{-at} - e^{-bt}}{b-a}$
13	$Kf(x)$	$K\bar{f}(x)$
14	$f(t-T)$	$\frac{\bar{f}(p)}{p} e^{-pT}$
15	$f(t) e^{kt}$	$\bar{f}(p-K)$

where  
 $x$  = any variable dependent upon  $t$   
 $K$  = a constant  
 $x_0$  = initial value of  $x$   
 $x_1$  = initial value of  $dx/dt$   
 $T$  = initial value of  $t$

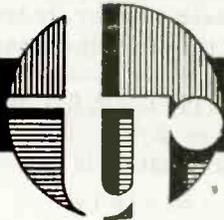
(14), the transform of  $t-a$  is the same as the transform to  $t$  multiplied by  $e^{-ap}$ , or  $(1/p)e^{-ap}$ . Since  $\omega/(p^2 + \omega^2)$  is the transform of  $\sin \omega t$ , then from (15)  $\omega/[(p-a)^2 + \omega^2]$  is the transform of  $e^{at} \sin \omega t$ .

If a fixed voltage  $E$  is applied to a series circuit comprising an inductance  $L$  and a resistance  $R$ , what is the current as a function of time? The differential equation for the circuit is

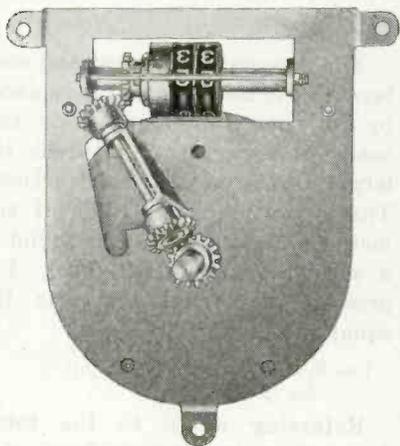
$$E = L (di/dt) + Ri$$

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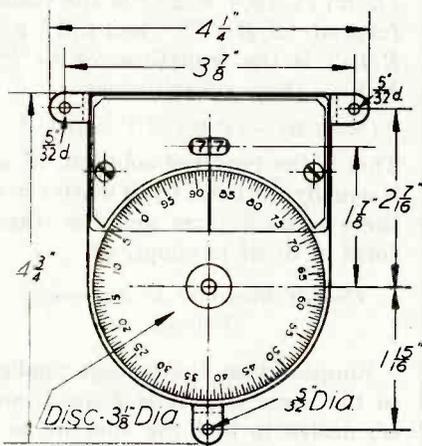
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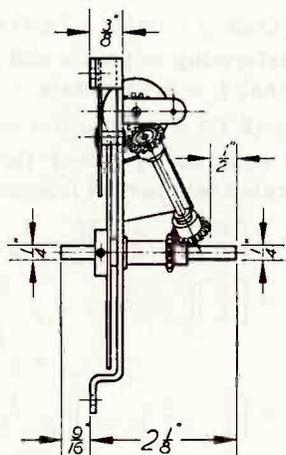
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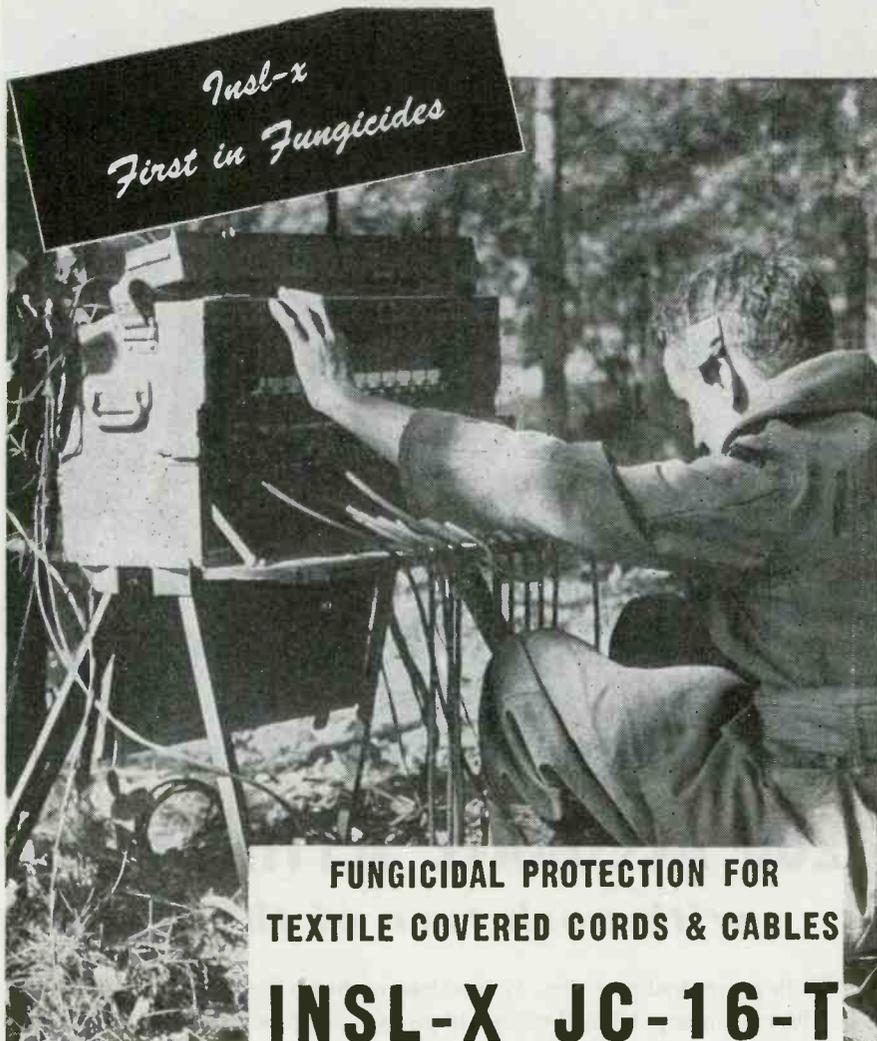
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From the table, the transform of  $di/dt$  by (6) is  $p\bar{i} - i_0$ , of  $(R/L)i$  by (2) and (13) is  $(R/L)\bar{i}$ , and of  $E/L$  by (3) is  $E/pL$ . Thus the new algebraic equation is

$$(E/pL) = p\bar{i} + (R/L)\bar{i}$$

This equation is solved for  $\bar{i}$ , giving

$$\bar{i} = [E/pL(p + R/L)] + [i_0/(p + R/L)]$$

The process is reversed and each term in the last equation is replaced by its time function. To do this easily, it is necessary to break the larger terms into partial fractions. This operation is not difficult and methods of doing it can be found in a second year algebra book. Expressed in partial fractions the equation is

$$\bar{i} = E/R[(1/p) - 1/(p + R/L)] + [i_0/(p + R/L)]$$

Referring again to the table, from (2)  $\bar{i}$  is the transform of  $i$ , from (3)  $E/Rp$  is the transform of  $E/R$ , and from (3) and (15)  $[E/R][1/(p + R/L)]$  is the transform of  $(E/R)e^{-Rt/L}$ , and  $i_0[1/(p + R/L)]$  is the transform of  $i_0e^{-Rt/L}$ . Making these substitutions

$$i = (E/R) - (E/R)e^{-Rt/L} + i_0e^{-Rt/L}$$

This is the required solution. If, as is usually the case,  $i = 0$  when  $t = 0$ , there is no  $i_0$  term and the transform of  $di/dt$  is simply  $p\bar{i}$ .

*Circuit Response to Sinusoidal Voltage*

Suppose that the voltage applied to the same circuit is  $E\sin\omega t$ , and we desire to find the current as a function of time. The equation is

$$E\sin\omega t = L(di/dt) + Ri$$

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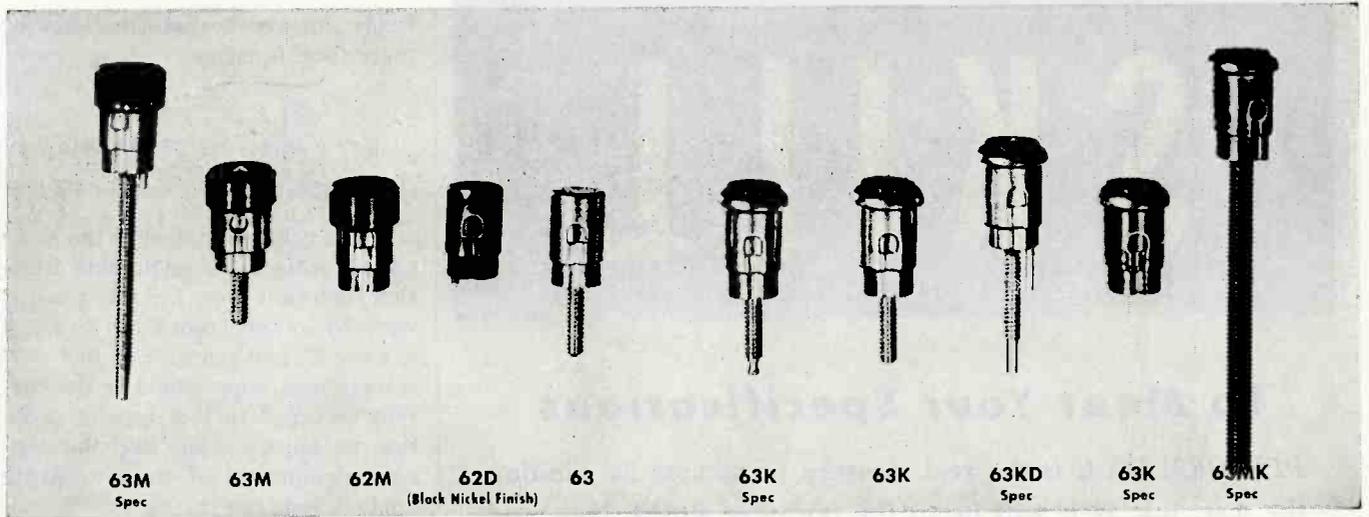
$$(E/L)\sin\omega t = (di/dt) + (R/L)i$$

Transforming as before and assuming that  $i_0 = 0$  we obtain

$$p\bar{i} + (R/L)\bar{i} = (E/L)(\omega/p^2 + \omega^2)$$

This equation is solved for  $\bar{i}$  and separated into partial fractions.

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{i} &= \left[ \frac{E}{L} \right] \left[ \frac{\omega}{p^2 + \omega^2} \right] \left[ \frac{1}{p + R/L} \right] \\ &= \left[ \frac{E}{L} \right] \left[ \frac{\omega}{\omega^2 + R^2/L^2} \right] \left[ \frac{1}{p + R/L} - \frac{p}{p^2 + \omega^2} + \frac{R/L}{p^2 + \omega^2} \right] \\ &= \left[ \frac{E\omega}{L(\omega^2 + R^2/L^2)} \right] \left[ \frac{1}{p + R/L} - \frac{p}{p^2 + \omega^2} + \frac{R\omega}{L\omega(p^2 + \omega^2)} \right] \end{aligned}$$



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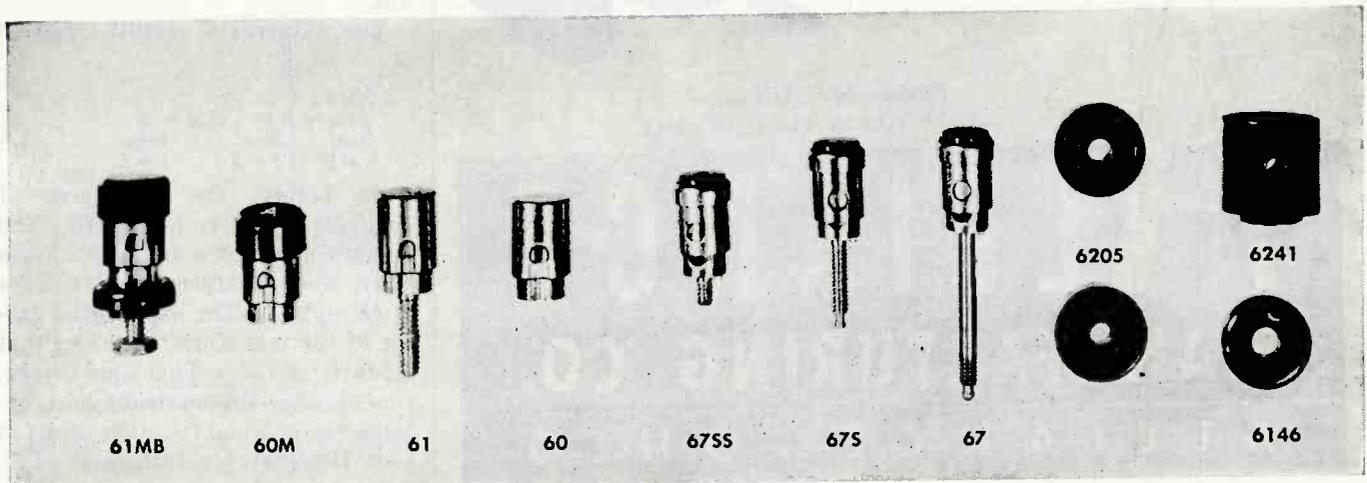
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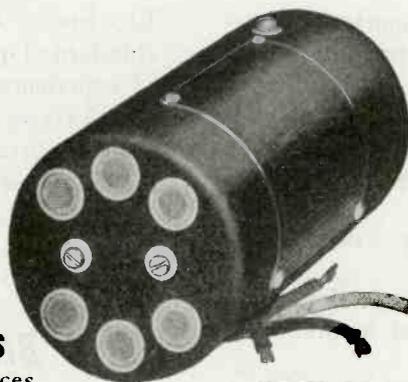
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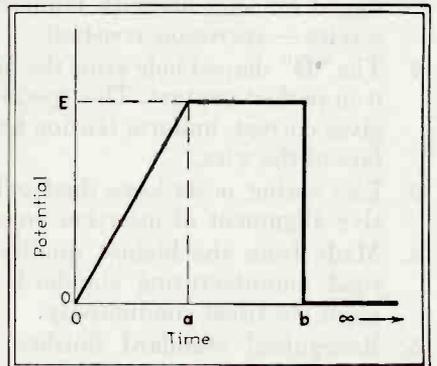
### Circuit Response to Complex Voltage

If the voltage applied to the same circuit were a discontinuous function such that from  $t = 0$  to  $t = a$  it were  $Et/a$ , and from  $t = a$  to  $t = b$  it were  $E$ , and from  $t = b$  to  $t = \infty$  it were zero, what would be the current vs time? In this type of problem, we must assume that the voltage is composed of three separate applied voltages,  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$ .

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 &= Et/a, \text{ and starts at } t = 0 \\ v_2 &= -E(t-a)/a, \text{ and starts at } t = a \\ v_3 &= -E, \text{ and starts at } t = b \end{aligned}$$

All three voltages continue to  $\infty$ . The accompanying sketch shows the resultant applied voltage.

From  $t = 0$  to  $t = a$  the voltage is only  $v_1$ , which is  $Et/a$ . From  $t = a$  to  $t = b$  the voltage is  $v_1 + v_2$ , which is  $[Et/a] - [E(t-a)/a] = E$ . From



Applied voltage versus time for third illustrative example of Laplace transform

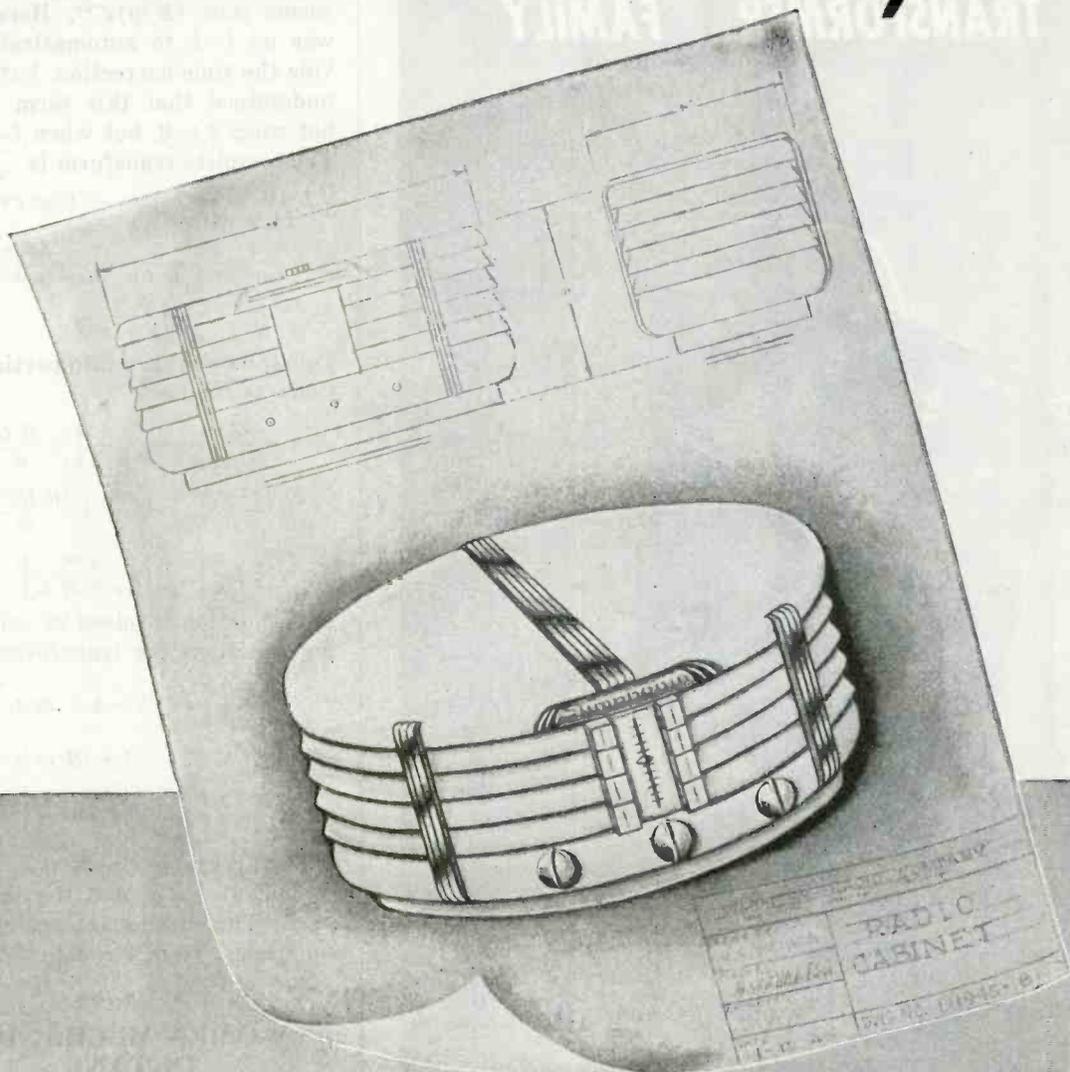
$t = b$  to  $t = \infty$ , the voltage is  $v_1 + v_2 + v_3$  which is zero. The initial requirements are thus satisfied.

The differential circuit equation is

$$L \left( \frac{di}{dt} \right) + Ri = \begin{matrix} Et/a & - & E(t-a)/a & - & E \\ \text{from } t=0 & & \text{from } t=a & & \text{from } t=b \end{matrix}$$

As before, the transform of  $L(di/dt) + Ri$  is  $Lp\bar{i} + R\bar{i}$ . The transform of  $Et/a$  is  $E/ap^2$ . From (14), the transform of  $E(t-a)/a$  is  $(E/ap^2)e^{-ap}$ . The exponential factor of the transform indicates that it starts at  $t = a$ . This time correction appears automatically here because the original function involved  $t-a$ . However, the transform of  $E$ ,

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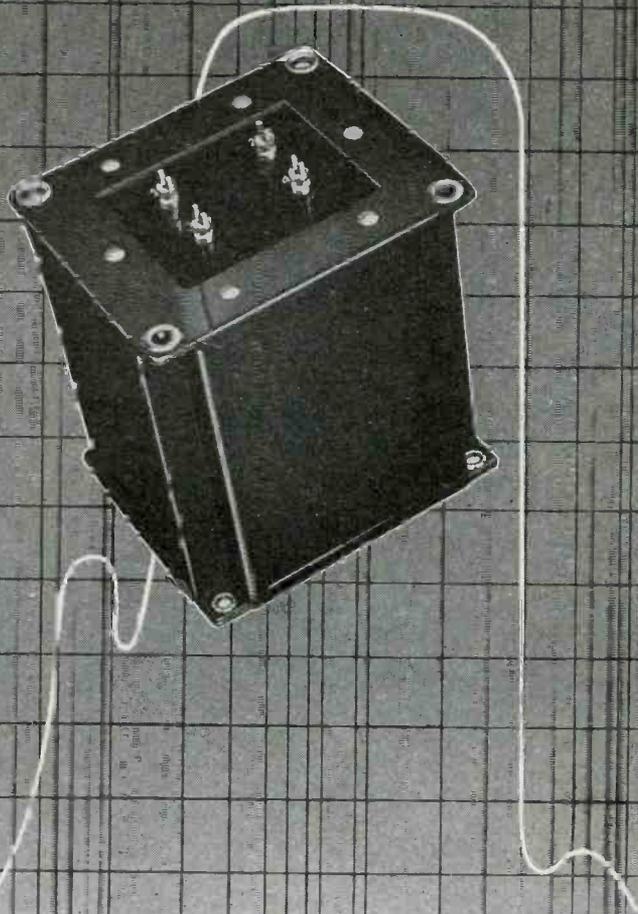
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which is normally  $E/p$ , must be multiplied by  $e^{-bp}$  since it starts at  $t = b$ ; thus the last term of the differential circuit equation transforms into  $(E/p)e^{-bp}$ . Here there was no  $t-b$  to automatically provide the time correction, but it was understood that this term begins, not when  $t = 0$ , but when  $t-b = 0$ . The complete transform is

$$Lp\bar{i} + R\bar{i} = (E/ap^2) - (Eap^2)e^{-ap} - (E/p)e^{-bp}$$

$$\bar{i} = \frac{E}{Lap^2(p + R/L)} - \frac{Ee^{-ap}}{Lap^2(p + R/L)} - \frac{Ee^{-bp}}{pL(p + R/L)}$$

This can be broken into partial fractions as follows

$$\bar{i} = \frac{EL}{aR^2} \left[ \frac{1}{p + R/L} - \frac{1}{p} + \frac{R/L}{p^2} \right] - \frac{EL}{aR^2} \left[ \frac{e^{-ap}}{p + R/L} - \frac{e^{-ap}}{p} + \frac{(R/L)e^{-ap}}{p^2} \right] - \frac{E}{R} \left[ \frac{e^{-bp}}{p} - \frac{e^{-bp}}{p + R/L} \right]$$

This equation is solved by substituting functions for transforms.

$$i = \frac{EL}{aR^2} \left[ e^{-Rt/L} - 1 + Rt/L \right] - \frac{EL}{aR^2} \left[ e^{-(R/L)(t-a)} - 1 + (R/L)(t-a) \right] - \frac{E}{R} \left[ 1 - e^{-(R/L)(t-b)} \right]$$

The first term starts at  $t = 0$ , the second, at  $t = a$ , and the third, at  $t = b$ . Thus there are really three equations: from  $t = 0$  to  $t = a$  the

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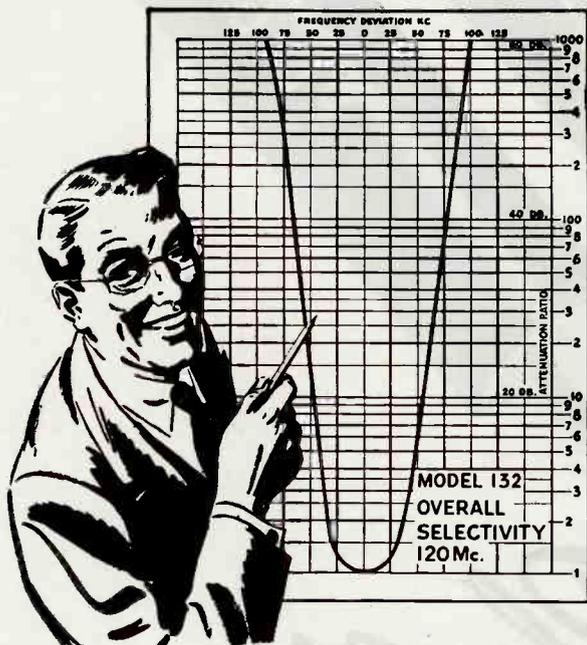
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It is to be noted that in the second and third examples the Laplace transformation gives a quicker solution than the classical method. In the latter, it is necessary to guess at the answer and then check the accuracy of the guess. An experienced mathematician, that is, a good guesser, may attain a high degree of skill using the classical method, but when he is stumped he will find the Laplace transformation a useful method to know.

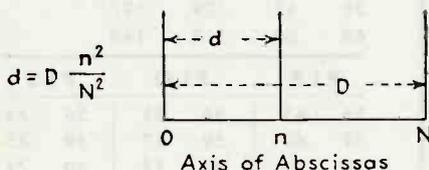
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### Parabolic Graph Paper for Square-Law Functions

By ALBERT LEEN

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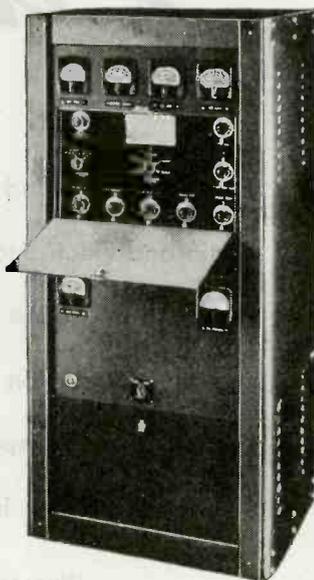
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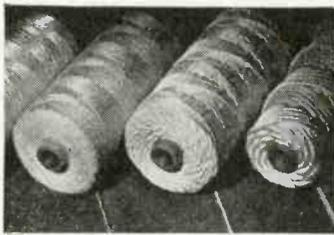


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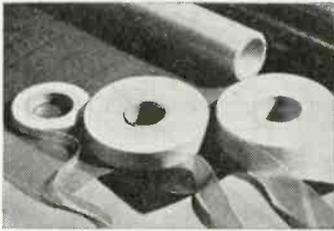
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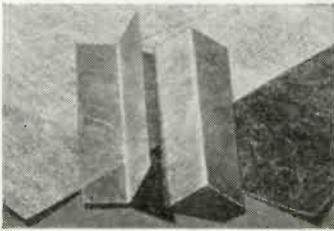
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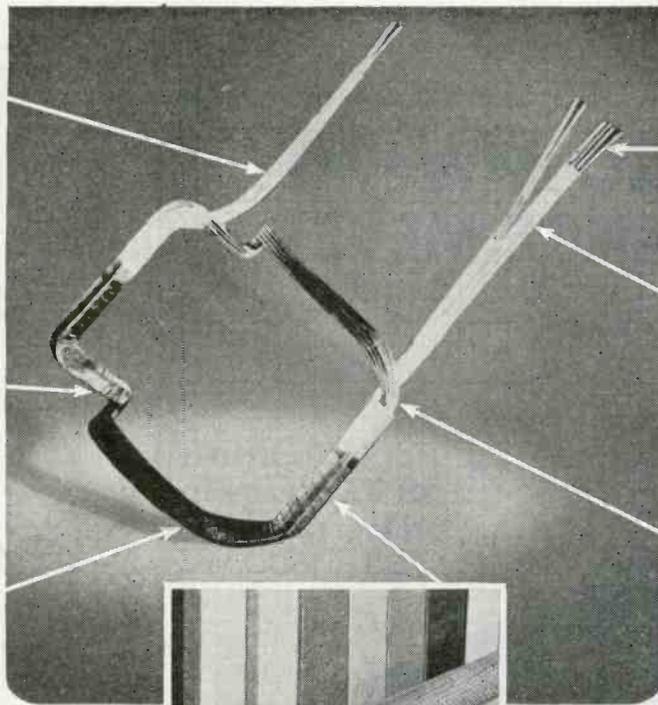
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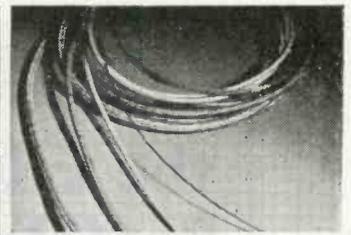
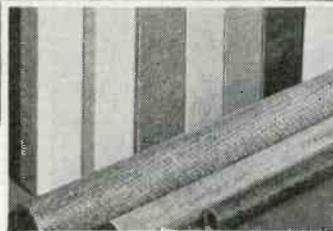
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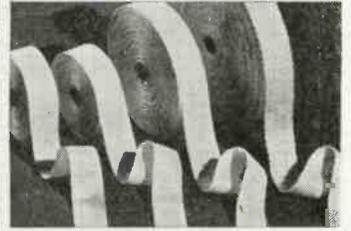
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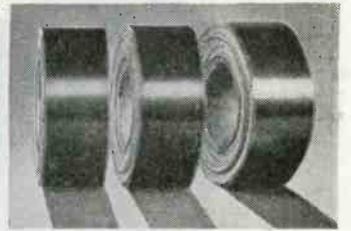
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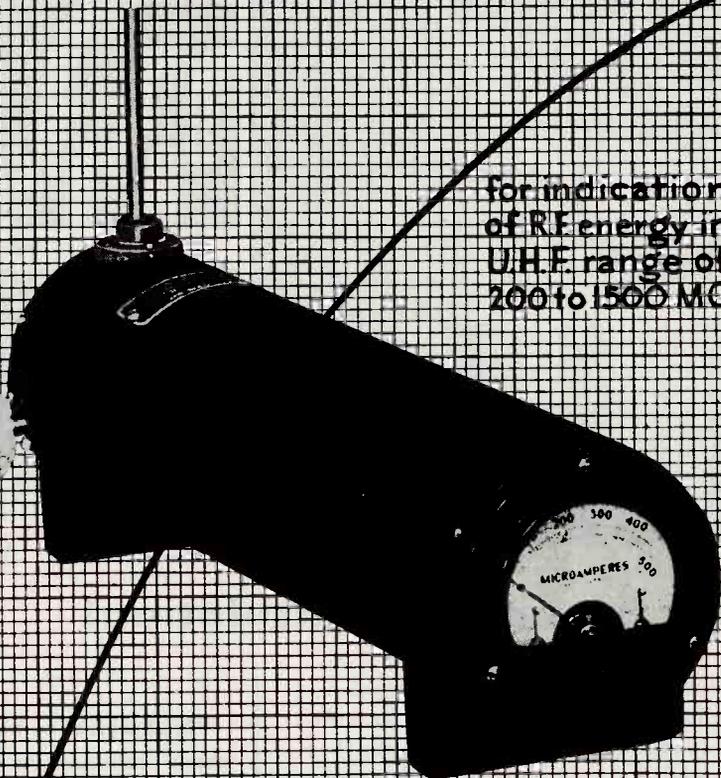
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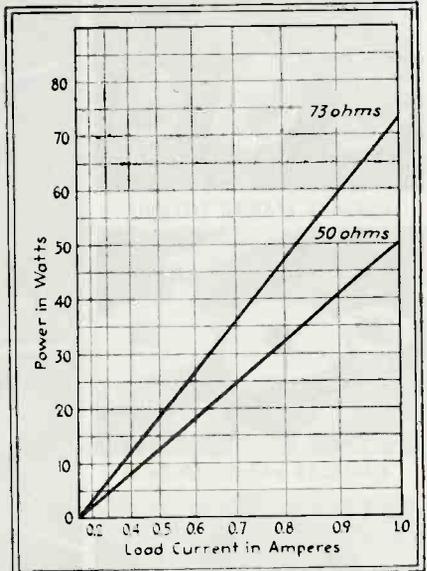


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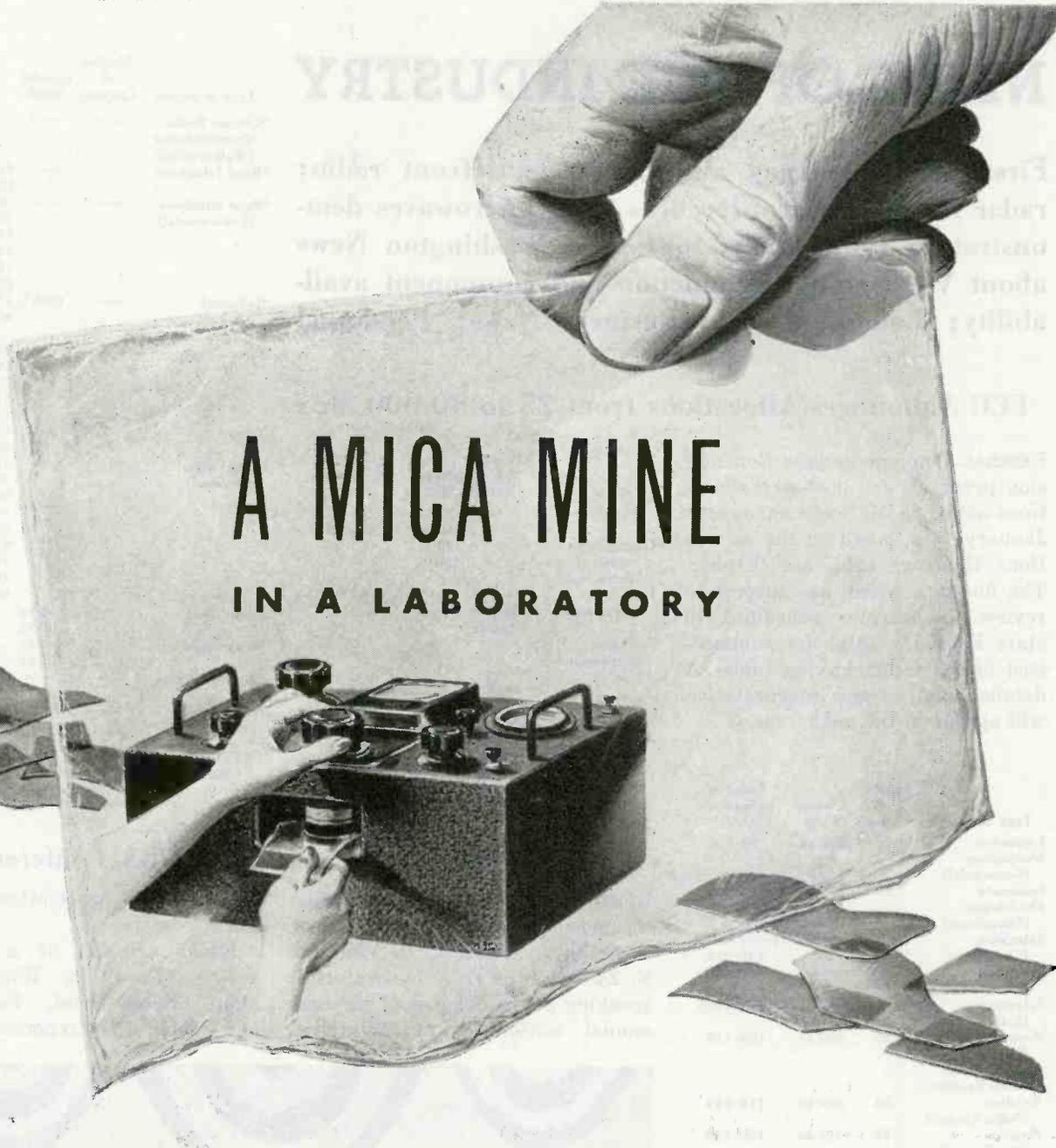
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FEDERAL Communications Commission proposals for post-war allocations above 25 Mc were announced January 16th, based on the Allocations Hearings held last October. The findings, which are subject to review in hearings scheduled to start February 14th, are summarized in the accompanying table. A detailed analysis and interpretation will appear in the next issue.

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Police	47	40 kc	30-44
Police (Exp. facsimile)	—	60 kc	152-156
Fire Service	15	40 kc	30-40
Forestry	33	40 kc	30-40
Electric, Gas, Water, Steam (Utilities)	27	60 kc	156-162
Transit Utilities	15	40 kc	25-44
Special Emergency	5	60 kc	156-162
Provisional	4	40 kc	30-40
	6	60 kc	156-162
	27	40 kc	25-28

Type of Service	Number of Channels	Channel Width	Location in Spectrum (Mc)
(Petroleum)	10	40 kc	30-40
Geophysics (Motion Picture) (Relay Press)	9	60 kc	156-162
Facsimile (Commercial)	22	40 kc	25-28
Facsimile (Experimental)	4	60 kc	156-162
*Railroad	Any FM Channel (simplex)	200 kc	84-102
*General Mobile (Taxicabs, etc.)	—	—	470-480
	33	60 kc	156-162
	20	—	44-50, 54-78, 192-216
	12	40 kc	30-40
	12	40 kc	42-44
	7	60 kc	156-162

Type of Service	Number of Channels	Channel Width	Location in Spectrum (Mc)
*Citizens Radio-Communication (Walkie-talkie)	—	—	460-470
*Rural Telephone	—	—	44-50, 54-78, 192-216
*Rural telephone (Experimental)	—	—	1900-2300, 3900-4550, 5750-7050, 10,500-13,000, 16,000-18,000, 26,000-30,000
*Industrial, Medical (Scientific) Relay Systems	—	0.05%	13.66, 27.32, 40.98
Fixed Public Services	—	—	1225-1325, 1900-2300, 3900-4550, 5750-7050, 10,500-13,000, 16,000-18,000, 26,000-30,000
Coastal Ship	33	40 kc	44-50, 54-78, 192-216, 940-960, 1900-2300, 3900-4550, 5750-7050, 10,500-13,000, 16,000-18,000, 26,000-30,000
Relay Broadcast	7	60 kc	30-44
Studio-Transmitter	4	60 kc	156-162
Development Broadcast	—	—	940-960, 192-216, 920-960

\* New class of service.

## Lunar Television Described at TBA Conference

REMOTE TELEVISION pickups from the moon are coming along one of these days, according to Vladimir K. Zworykin of RCA Laboratories, speaking at the banquet of the first annual conference of Television

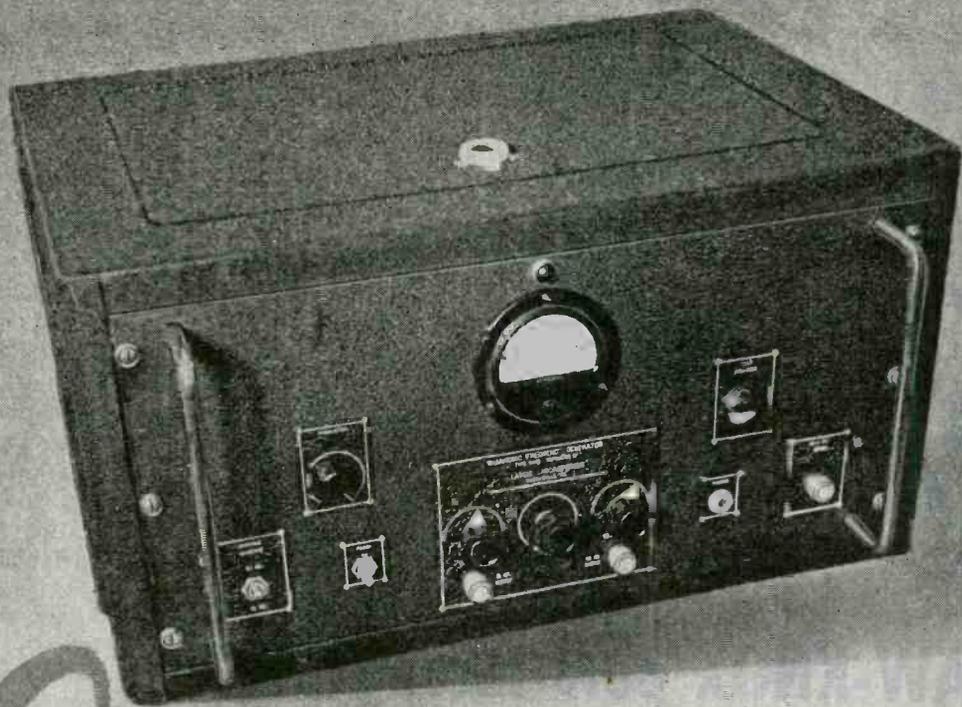
Broadcasters Association in New York recently.

Each recipient of a technical award (Zworykin, Bingley, DuMont, Espenscheid, Farnsworth, and Goldmark, as reported in ELEC-



Standing at right, O. B. Hanson, NBC, answers a question during the technical roundtable session of Television Broadcasters Association's first annual conference in New York. Dr. Alfred N. Goldsmith, at the lectern, center, was the moderator. Seated participants are, 1 to r, F. J. Bingley, Philco; J. E. Keister, GE; Klaus Landsberg, Television Productions; A. H. Broly, Balaban & Katz; Curtis W. Mason, KFI; A. B. DuMont; and C. B. Jolliffe, RCA

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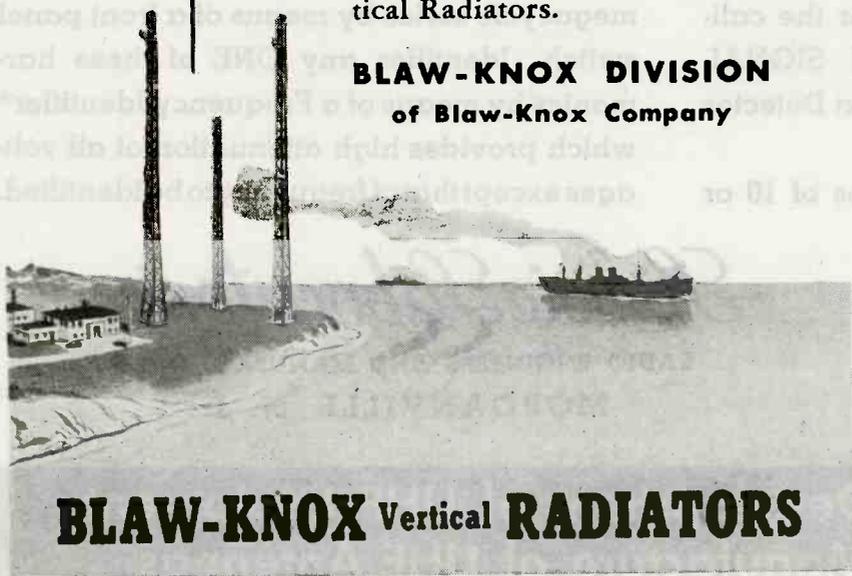


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TEONICS for January) was asked to say a few words about the things he saw in the future of television. Tongue in cheek, Mr. Zworykin pointed out that with the trend as it is toward smaller and lighter equipment, it probably wouldn't be long before a teletransmitter could be pared down to the present size of a walkie-talkie—sort of a walkie-lookie.

The next step he visualized was the installation of one of these units in a rocket which could be sent to the moon, televising as it went. This prognostication to outprognosticate all prognosticators got a large hand from the group of more than a thousand who attended the dinner. Registration for all activities was in the neighborhood of 800.

### *Sixteen Medals Presented*

Additional awards for general contributions to television were made to: Brig. General David Sarnoff, Radio Corp. of America, for his initial vision of television as a social force and for the steadfastness of his leadership in the face of obstacles to television; W. R. G. Baker, General Electric Co., for his leadership in standardizing television through the National Television Systems Committee and supporting it through RTPB; David B. Smith, Philco Corp. for his work on NTSC and RTPB; and Dr. A. N. Goldsmith for his work on NTSC and RTPB and his vision in the relationship of motion picture and television.

Program awards were made to Sam Cuff, WABD; John Williams, WNBT; Robert Gibson, WRGB; Paul Knight, WPTZ; Worthington Miner, WCBW; and Klaus Landsberg, W6XYZ.

Some of the other activities of technical interest included discussions of network television by Harold S. Osborne, AT&T; Naval electronic training, by Commander Bill Eddy, Balaban & Katz; color, by Peter Goldmark, CBS; automatic radio relay systems, by W. S. Lemmon, International Business Machines Corp.; multiple-spectrum use, by D. B. Smith, Philco Corp.; tubes, by Merrill A. Trainer, RCA; and satellite transmitters, by J. E. Keister, GE. Proceedings are being published by the Association.

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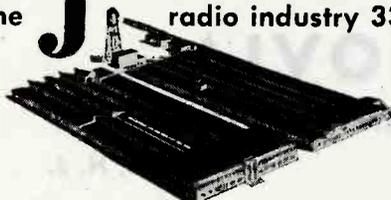
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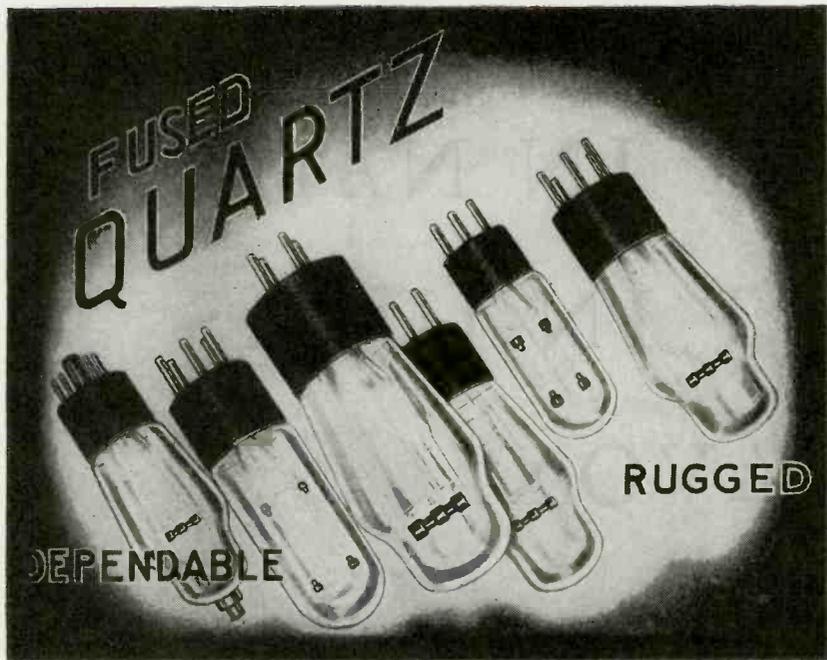
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ended the conference, J. R. Poppele, chief engineer of Bamberger Broadcasting Service, was elected president to succeed Allen B. DuMont and O. B. Hanson of NBC was made assistant secretary-treasurer. Eight new members were accepted, bringing the full roster to 37.

Included in the conference itself was at least one technical achievement. Twenty-eight video receivers were installed in the conference hall under the supervision of F. J. Bingley, Philco Corp., and arranged to work from common antennas through a special amplifier having a separate output tube for each receiver. Interference between channels was eliminated and tuning was entirely satisfactory. This development is heralded as a solution to apartment-house and other large-building installations.



Paul L. Chamberlain, manager of sales for GE's transmitter division and Walter S. Lemmon, general manager of the Radiotype Division, International Business Machines Corp., examine a model of the automatic relay tower the two companies propose to use in networking radiotype, facsimile, fm, and television. This is a six-channel unit

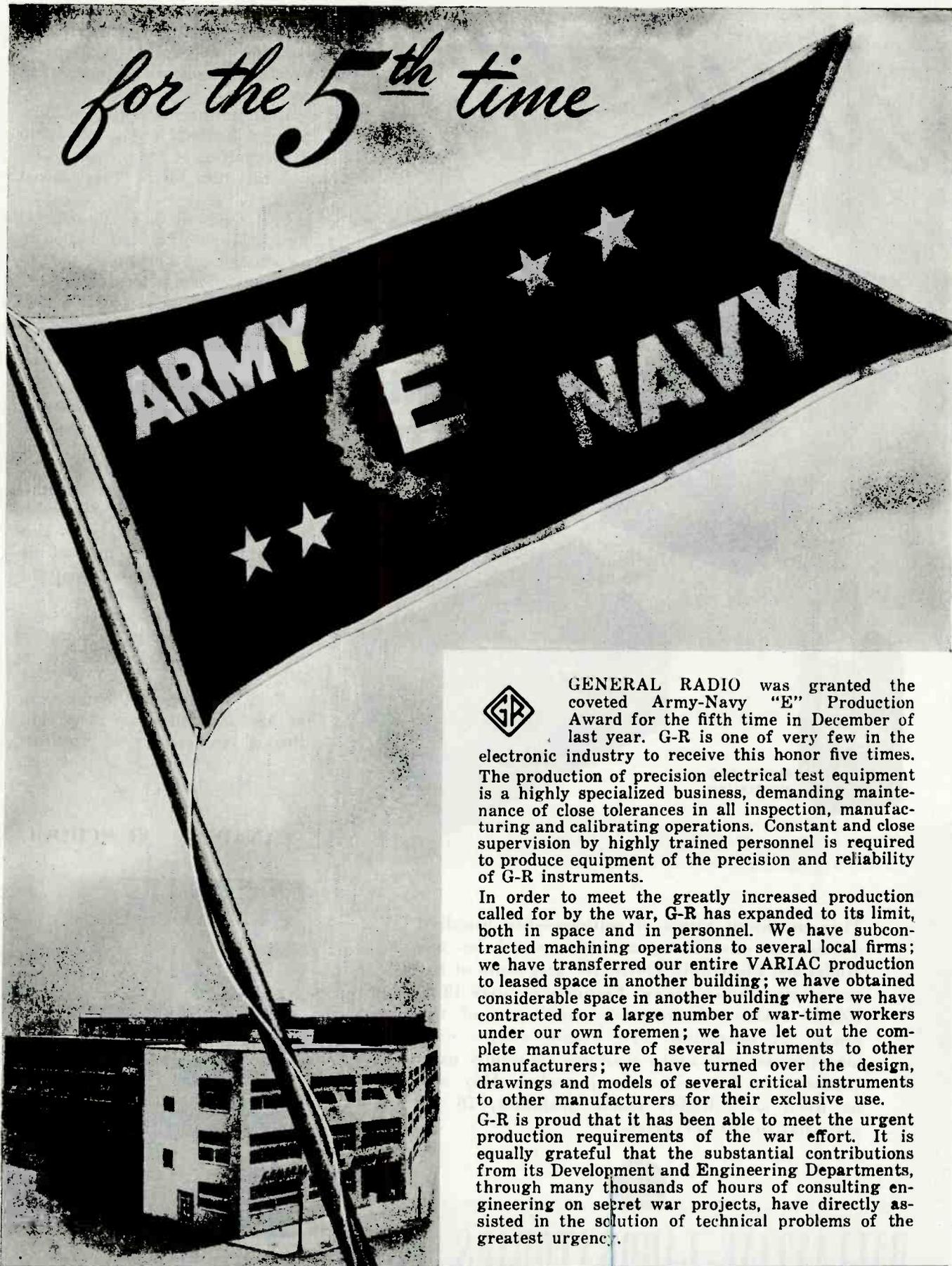
### IRE Award Citations

THE AWARDS COMMITTEE of the Institute of Radio Engineers has reported the following individuals for various honors as indicated:

H. H. Beverage, Radio Corp. of America, for the Medal of Honor in recognition of radio research toward efficiency in communications and devotion to affairs of IRE.

W. W. Hansen, Sperry Gyroscope Co., the Morris Liebmann Memorial Prize for application of electro-

for the 5<sup>th</sup> time



GENERAL RADIO was granted the coveted Army-Navy "E" Production Award for the fifth time in December of last year. G-R is one of very few in the electronic industry to receive this honor five times. The production of precision electrical test equipment is a highly specialized business, demanding maintenance of close tolerances in all inspection, manufacturing and calibrating operations. Constant and close supervision by highly trained personnel is required to produce equipment of the precision and reliability of G-R instruments.

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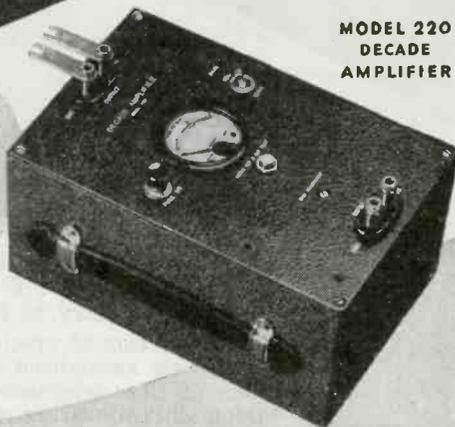


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O. H. Caldwell, Caldwell-Clements Inc., fellowship for contribution in broadening the horizon of the engineer by efforts to increase the use of electronic principles in industry.

W. H. Doherty, Bell Telephone Laboratories, fellowship for contribution to the development of radio transmitting equipment.

A. W. Hull, General Electric Co., fellowship in recognition of contribution to the design of radio and industrial electron tubes.

A. L. Loomis, Loomis Institute for Scientific Research, fellowship for work in the application of electronic techniques to medical research and for contribution to microwave development.

A. V. Loughren, Hazeltine Service Corp., fellowship for contribution to broadcast and television engineering.

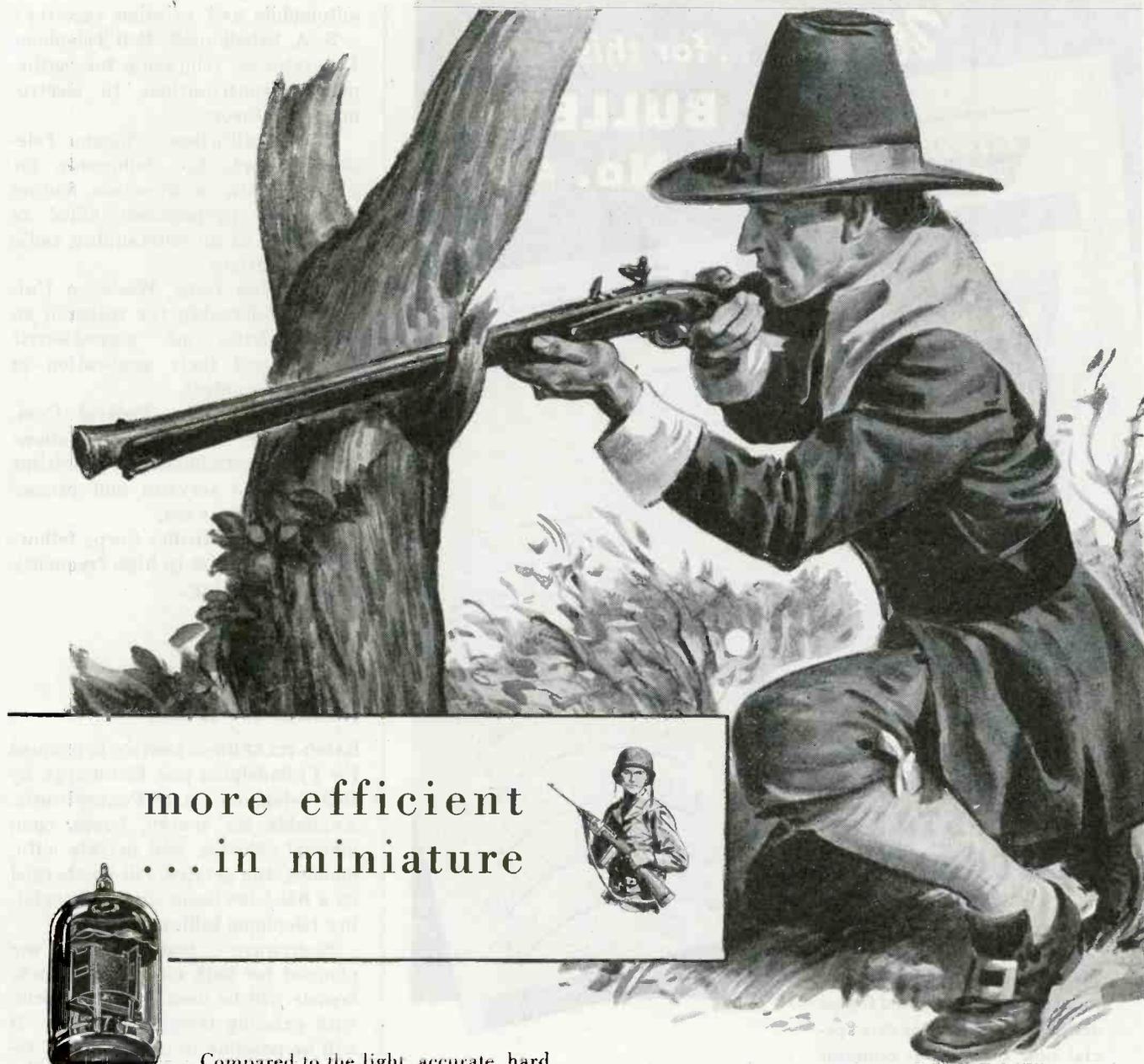
F. X. Rettenmeyer, Radio Corp. of America, fellowship in recognition of development of broadcast,

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K. S. Van Dyke, Wesleyan University, fellowship for research on characteristics of piezo-electric crystals and their application to frequency control.

E. M. Webster, Federal Communications Commission, fellowship for contribution to maritime mobile radio services and promotion of safety at sea.

P. D. Zottu, Girdler Corp., fellowship for activities in high frequency dielectric heating.

**Phones for Autos**

RADIO-TELEPHONE SERVICE is planned for Philadelphia and Pittsburgh by Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania. Available for trucks, buses, commercial vehicles, and private automobiles, the service will be charged on a fixed-fee basis similar to existing telephone billings.

Shortwave transmitters are planned for both cities and switchboards will be used to link vehicles with existing telephone service. It will be possible to call equipped vehicles within a radius of 15 miles from fixed telephone installations or to call fixed telephones from cars.

**NAB Committee Appointments**

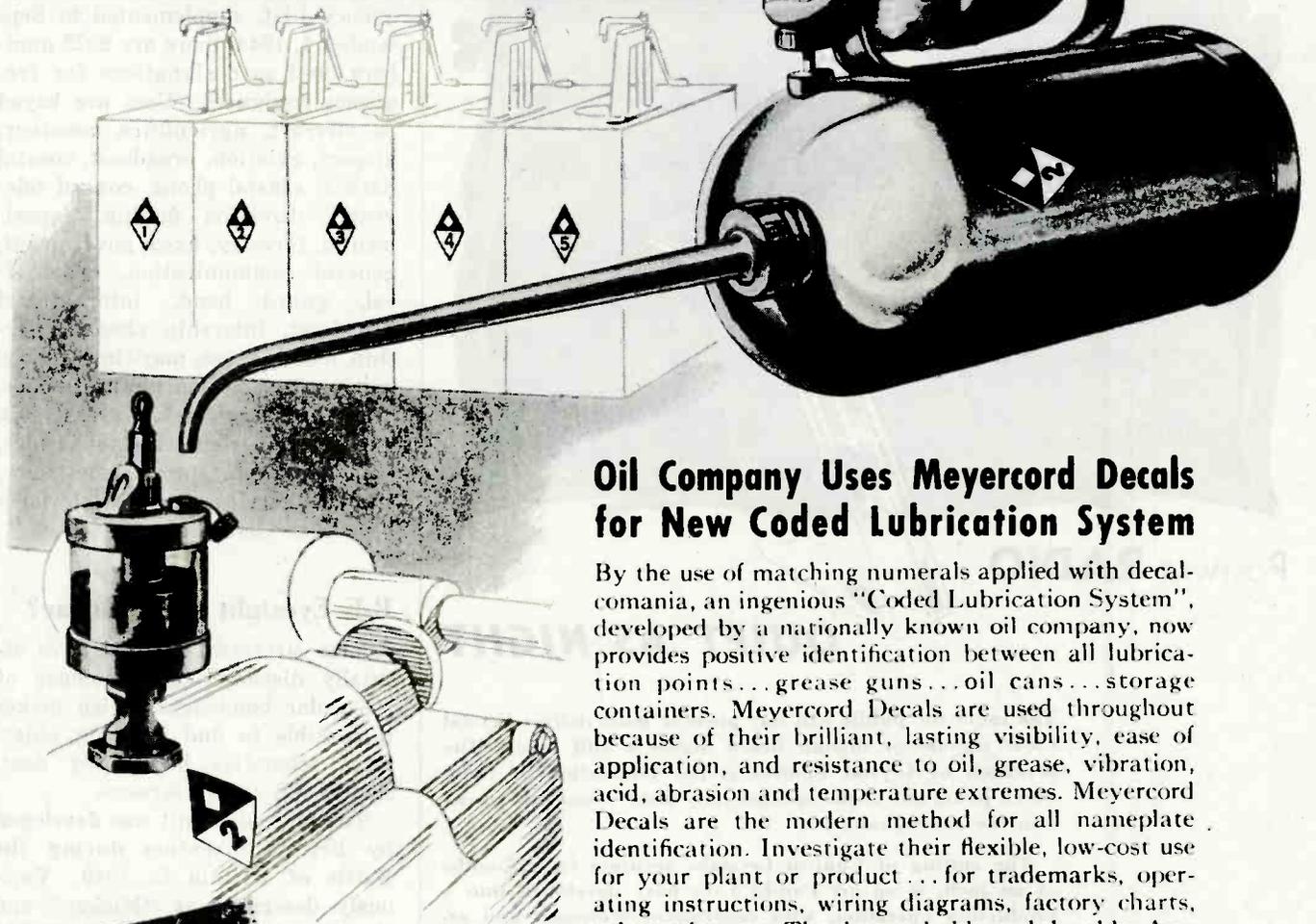
RECENTLY ANNOUNCED by National Association of Broadcasters is the following list of individuals who have been selected to serve on the standing engineering committee for next year. Those listed have already indicated their acceptance of the appointments: Italo Martino, WDRC; Earle Godfrey, WBAB; T. C. Kenney, KDKA; Philip F. Hedrick, WSJS; J. B. Fuqua, WGAC; J. D. Bloom, WWL; Frank A. Dieringer, WFMJ; Stokes Gresham,

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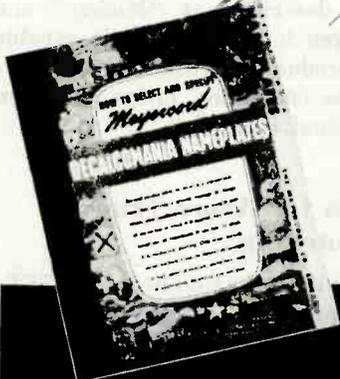
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The Engineering Executive Committee consists of Porter Houston, WCBM, chairman; O. B. Hanson, NBC; Karl B. Hoffman, WGR; William B. Lodge, CBS; and J. B. Fuqua, WGAC.

### Increasing Scope of Radio

IN THE FEDERAL Communications Commission's latest Master Frequency List, supplemented to September 1, 1944, there are 2022 numbers used as designations for frequency assignees. Uses are keyed to aircraft, agriculture, amateur, airport, aviation, broadcast, coastal harbor, coastal phone, coastal telegraph, direction finding, experimental, forestry, fixed, government, general communication, geophysical, guard band, international broadcast, intership phone, intership, mobile press, maritime calling, marine fire, motion picture, police, relay broadcast, relay press, ship harbor, ship telephone, state police, ship telegraph, special emergency, special services, and television broadcast—34 in all.

### R-F Eyesight for Postwar?

ALLIED MILITARY LEADERS have officially disclosed the existence of the radar bombsight which makes it possible to find bombing objectives otherwise hidden by dust, clouds and smoke screens.

The first such unit was developed by British inventors during the Battle of Britain in 1940. Various described as "Mickey" and the "gen box", the unit is capable of reproducing outlines of such targets as coastlines, cities and even individual buildings.

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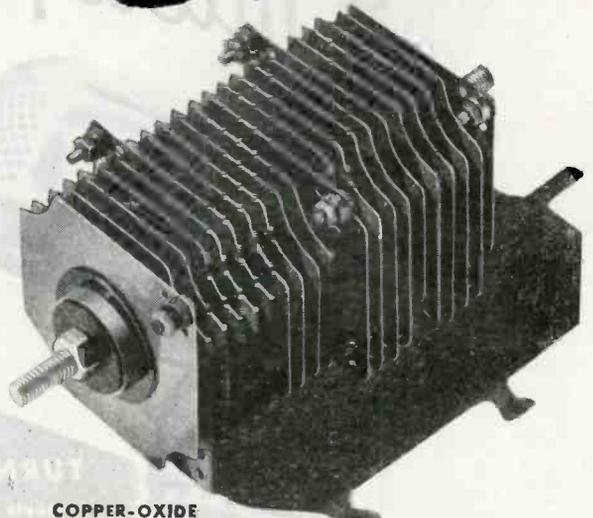
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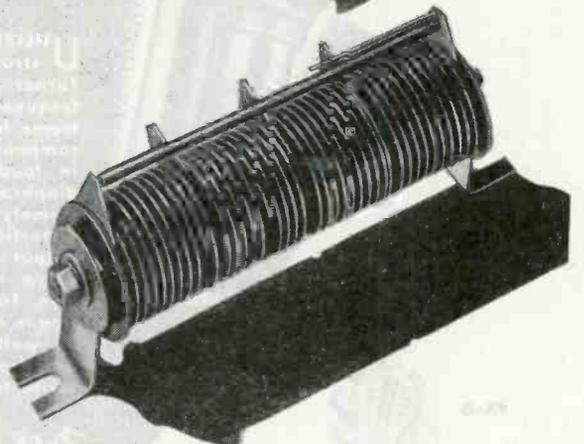
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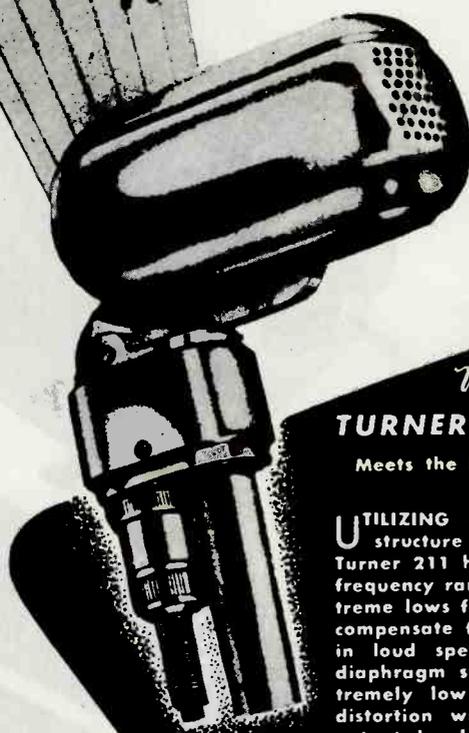
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Marine Technical Sergeant Charles T. Haas, Tucumcari, New Mexico, cues in the news commentator at Radio Kwajalein, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands

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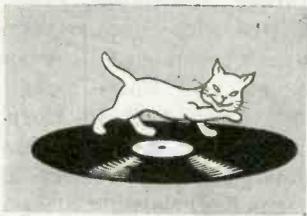
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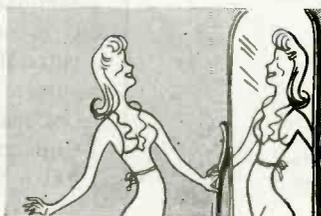
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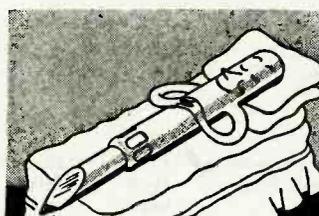
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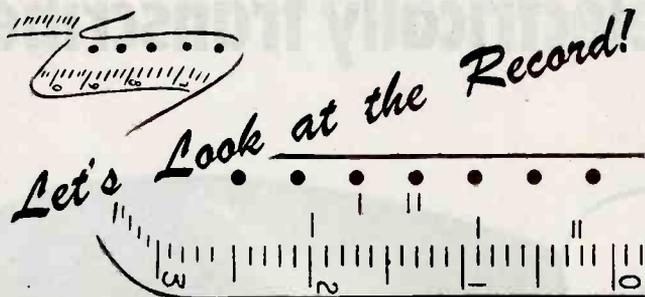
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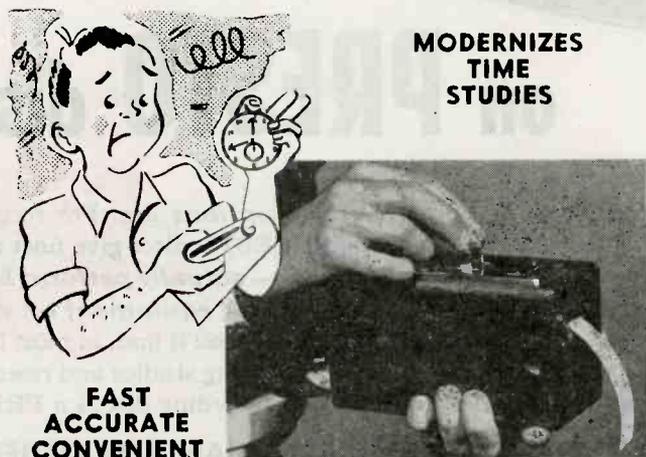
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Mexico. Modern circuits were used throughout and modified only where absolutely necessary because of material shortages.

### Parts and Equipment Conference

DURING OCTOBER a registration of nearly 1,500 attended the Electronic Parts and Equipment Industry Conference at the Hotel Stevens in Chicago. Sponsored by the Electronic Parts and Equipment Manufacturers; Eastern Div., Sales Managers Club; RMA; and National Electronic Distributors Association, the meeting featured 150 manufacturers who maintained conference booths as well as a large participation by distributors and manufacturers' representatives.

### Signal Corps Afloat

AS THE PHILIPPINE invasion materialized, facilities for broadcast and press coverage were provided by Army Communications Service of the Signal Corps. A special Signal Corps radio ship was utilized as part of the fleet which landed the invasion forces. Involved was the largest network in history. It provided at least two alternate circuits for transmission of broadcast and press material including radio-photos.

### Additional RMA Members

AT A RECENT MEETING of the Radio Manufacturers Association executive committee, nine concerns were voted into active membership. These were: Ensign Coil Co., -Chicago; General Television & Radio Corp., Chicago; Lear Inc., Chicago; Maguire Industries Inc., Greenwich, Conn.; Permoflux Corp., Chicago; Radio and Television Inc., New York; Rek-O-Kut Co., New York; Screenmakers, New York, and Stupakoff Ceramic & Mfg. Co., Latrobe, Pa.

### Microwave Demonstration

FOR THE FIRST TIME, NDRC has authorized discussion and demonstration of a complete microwave system for communication purposes. It was presented at the 597th meeting of the New York Electrical Society recently by Dr. George B.



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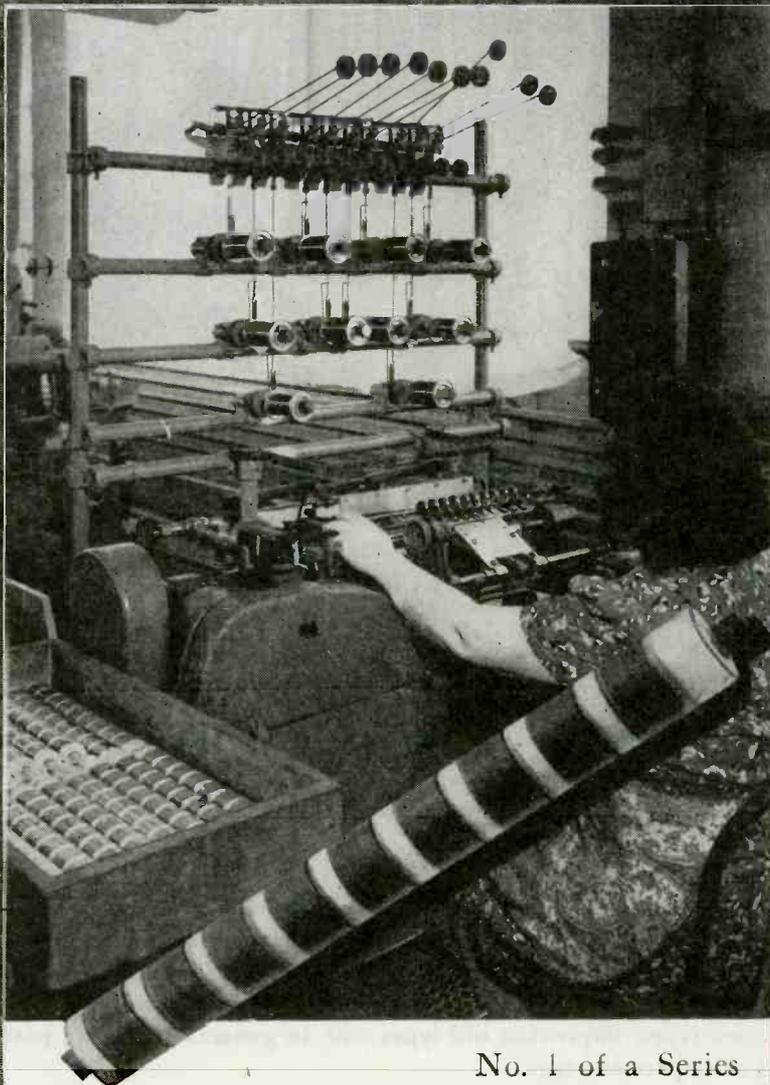
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Hoadley who is in charge of the instructional microwave laboratory at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn.

Pointing out that the impetus of the war has been such as to make networks of microwave booster stations actually practical, Dr. Hoadley demonstrated the use of plain sections of galvanized iron drainpipe as wave guides and showed by analogy the reflection of microwave beams from topographic objects.

The lecture included a discussion of protective equipment for ships and planes to utilize radar principles in movements through fog. He also displayed a horn-type radiator which is analogous to the horn on a loudspeaker, a parabolic reflector analogous to a searchlight, and a Klystron oscillator.

## New IRE Section



Members of the newly approved Cedar Rapids Chapter of IRE discuss a presentation of Centralab products. Left to right are: R. V. Guettler, G. Milton Ehlers, and W. S. Parsons of Centralab, standing, and T. A. Hunter, Collins Radio Corp., temporary chairman of the section.

THIRTY COUNTIES in Iowa and two in Illinois are included in the scope of a new institute of Radio Engineers Chapter with headquarters at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Membership is expected to run to about 100, 64 having been in attendance at the organizational meeting held recently. Temporary chairman is T. A. Hunter of Collins Radio Corp.

## Post-War Radio Services

NOW IS THE TIME to start assembling the additional "know how" radio service men will need to keep pace with post-war developments in the radio field, thinks Leonard C.

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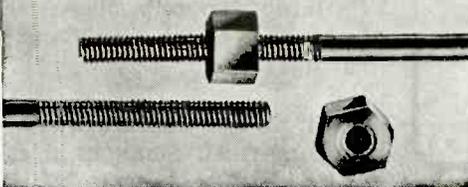
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## Electronics Exposition for Industry

WORKING EXHIBITS or demonstrations which utilize electronic principles are expected to be shown at the International Electronics Exposition, sponsored by the electronics section of NEMA, tentatively scheduled for the latter part of 1945.

Present plans are that the electronics section will exhibit statistical data showing use of electronic equipment in industry. A technical session or clinic will be included. Exhibitors are not to be restricted to the membership of the association.

## CONVENTIONS TO COME

Feb. 20-21. RADIO MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION, Annual Mid-Winter Conference . . . Cancelled.

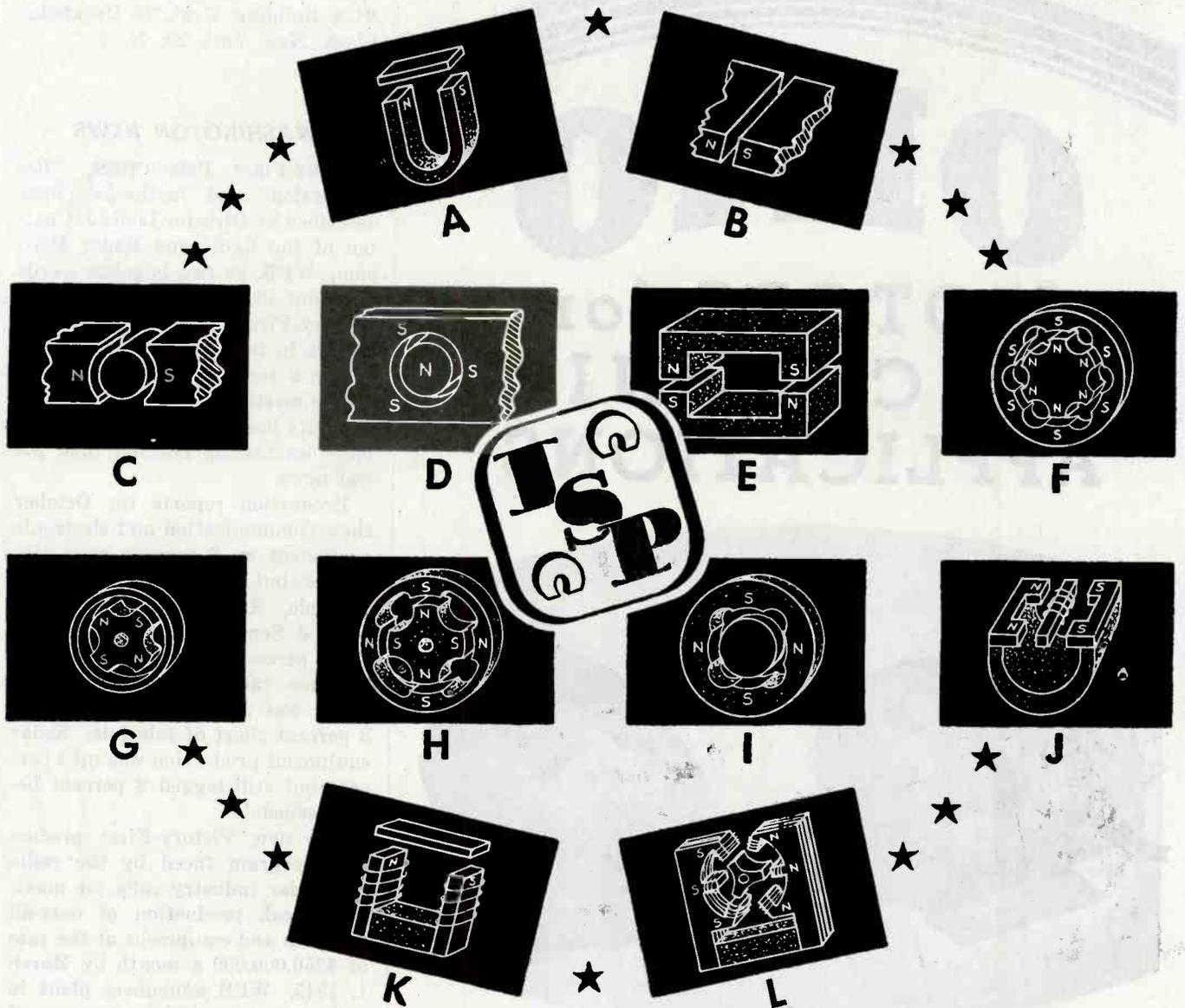
Feb. 26-March 2. AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING MATERIALS, Committee Week and Spring Meeting (28), William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa. R. J. Painter, assistant to the secretary, 260 S. Broad St., Philadelphia 2, Pa.

April 12-14. ELECTROCHEMICAL SOCIETY, 87th General Meeting, Hotel Claridge, Atlantic City, N. J. Colin G. Fink, secretary, Columbia University, New York 27, N. Y.

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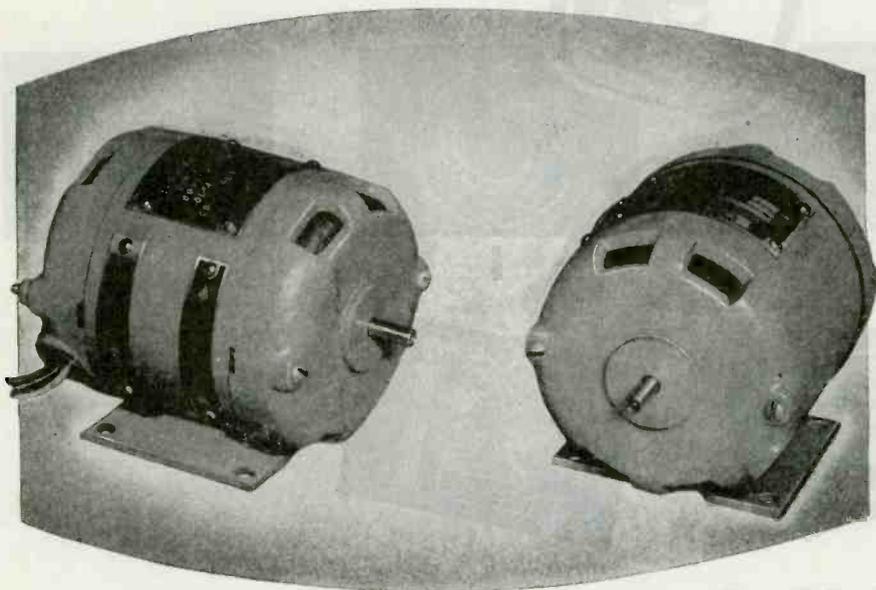


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### WASHINGTON NEWS

**VICTORY-FIRST PRODUCTION.** "Re-conversion" and "cutbacks" were described by Director Louis J. Chatten of the Radio and Radar Division, WPB, as two bugaboo words standing in the way of increased Victory-First production of electronics in industry, when he spoke before a recent RMA export committee meeting. As he pointed out, publicity has made the two subjects more interesting reading than the war news.

Production reports for October show communication and electronic equipment up 5 percent over September, but still 6 percent short of schedule. Radio equipment output equaled September production but was 7 percent under schedule, while airborne radio production for the Army was up 12 percent and only 3 percent short of schedule. Radar equipment production was up 4 percent but still lagged 8 percent behind schedule.

The new Victory-First production program faced by the radio and radar industry calls for maximum peak production of over-all products and equipment at the rate of \$250,000,000 a month by March 1, 1945. WPB announces plans to undertake immediately a survey of the industry aimed at establishing a factual background covering production, labor, and other elements related to the industry's ability to get increased production.

Shortages of radio receiving tubes for the maintenance of Army and Navy combat equipment and replacement of increasing battle losses must be made up at the expense of civilian radio tube supplies, it was announced, and therefore the number of civilian tubes available in the first quarter of 1945 will be much smaller than the hoped-for 2,000,000 tubes a month.

**NON-CRITICAL COMPONENTS.** Regulations of WPB have been relaxed to make it possible to buy a number of types of parts and components out of idle and excess stocks of war contractors. Items no longer con-



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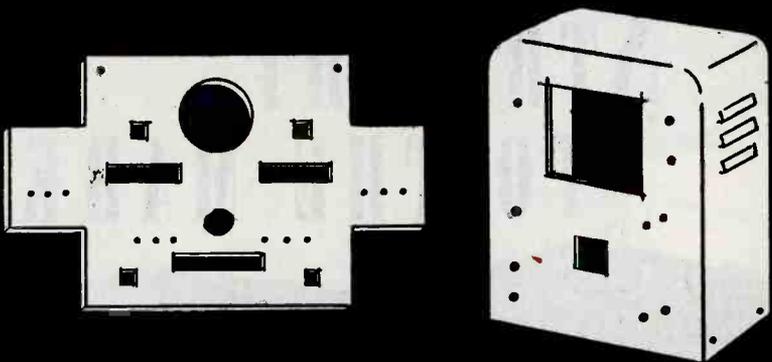
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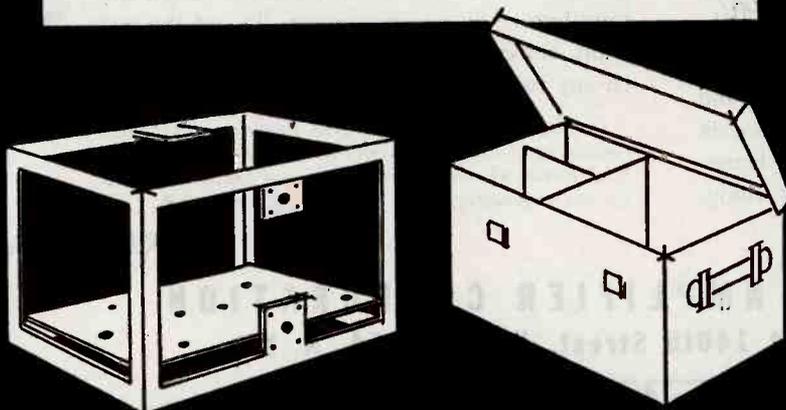
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**AIRPORTS PLANNED.** Prepared by the Civil Aeronautics Administration, a national airport plan has recently been sent to Congress by the Secretary of Commerce. The report recommends construction of 3,050 airports and improvement of 1,625 existing fields. Construction is to be financed over a period of five to ten years by federal aid with matching of funds by the state. Radio facilities will be included with other items to a total of \$1,021,567,945.

**RECEIVING-TUBE SCHEDULING.** Headed by Milton Lauer of the Radio and Radar Division, WPB, as government presiding officer, the following individuals constitute the newly-appointed receiving-tube-scheduling industry advisory committee: William Hieatt, Ken-Rad Tube and Lamp Corp.; G. C. Brewster and L. F. Holleran, RCA; Ray Paret, National Union Radio Corp.; K. Johnson and F. E. Anderson, Raytheon Mfg. Co.; John Q. Adams, Hytron Corp.; K. Morehead and H. W. Van Twistern, Tung-Sol Lamp Works; H. J. Klein and A. L. Milk, Sylvania Electric Products.

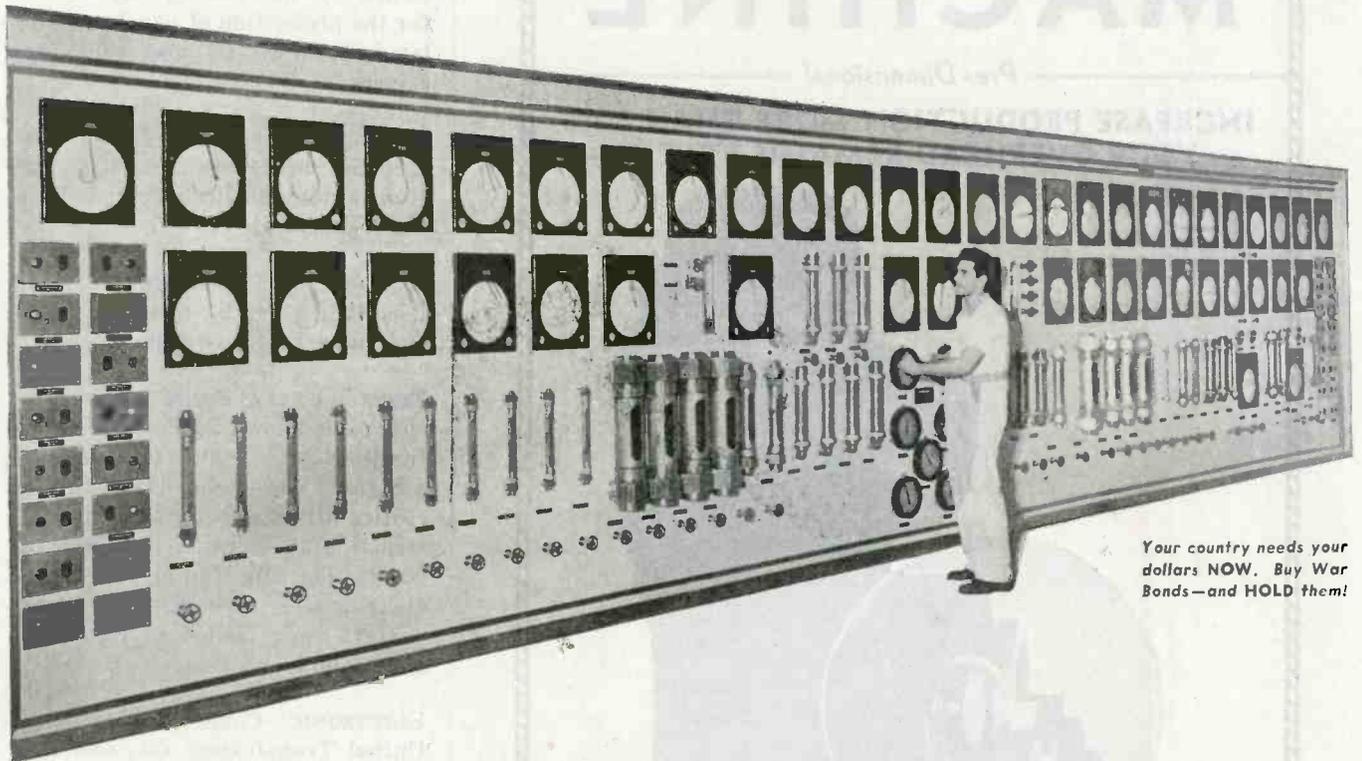
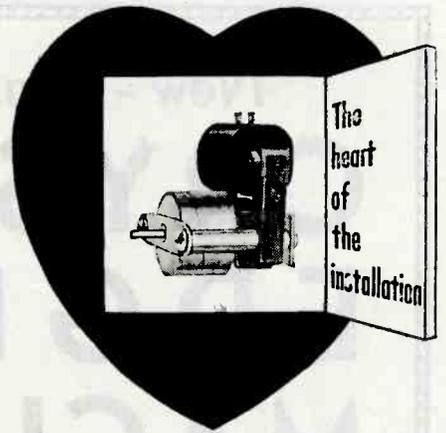
### LONDON LETTER

By JOHN H. JUPE

**ELECTRONIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR EX-SERVICEMEN.** Many men leaving the technical branches of the fighting services will want to use their newly acquired technical knowledge as a means to earn a living and some opportunities for development in the science of cinematography were mentioned by Mr. A. G. D. West in his presidential address to the British Kinematograph Society recently. All were electronic and they included problems of theatre acoustics, uniformity of sound reproduction, uniform screen brightness, maintenance of quality in recording, and improvements in 16-mm sound film.

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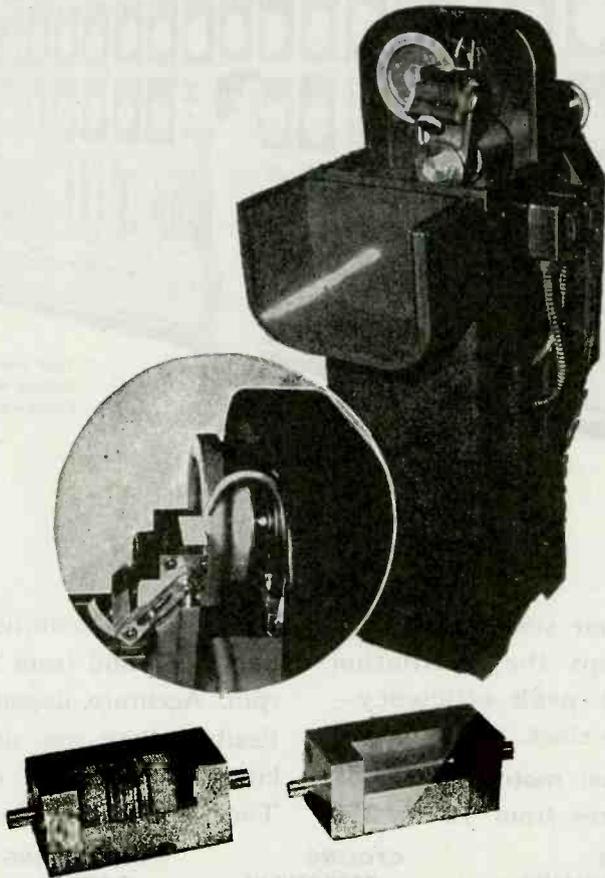
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**BUSINESS NEWS**

UTAH RADIO PRODUCTS COMPANY'S subsidiary, Caswell-Runyan Co., Huntington, Ind., has purchased property and equipment formerly owned by the Goshen Veneer Co. for the production of panels and related items to go into radio receivers.

KEN-RAD CORP. has sold its tube facilities at Owensboro, Ky., and Huntington and Rock Port, Ind., to General Electric Co.

ST. JOHN X-RAY SERVICE INC., Long Island City, N. Y., marks its 20th anniversary of operation.

PRESS WIRELESS forms a new division to be known as Press Wireless Institute. Previously operating as a Signal Corps radio school, the facilities are now being used for instruction of seamen from the U. S. Navy. The curriculum places special emphasis on high-power transmitter work, antenna technique, and trouble shooting.

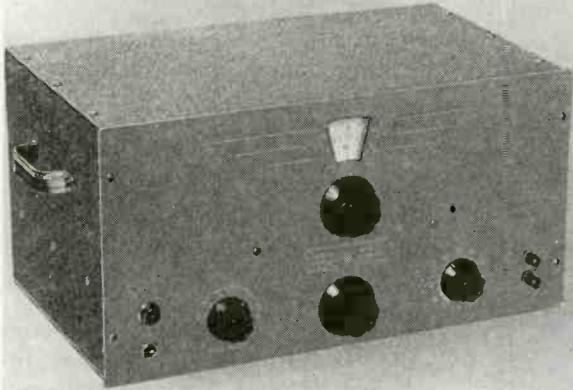
ELECTRONIC CORP. OF AMERICA, United Transformer Co., and Emerson Radio and Phonograph Co., New York, N. Y., participated through joint labor-management activities in a special program for distribution of Christmas gifts to Russian children.

GENERAL ELECTRIC X-RAY CORP. enlarges its Chicago facilities by the addition of 12,000 square feet of floor space at 1417 West Jackson Blvd. Tube laboratories which had previously been scattered throughout the company's main plant, will be housed here as a centralized experimental section.

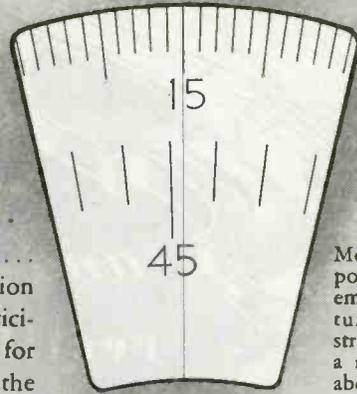
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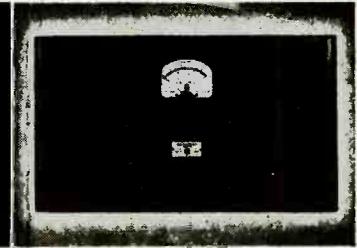
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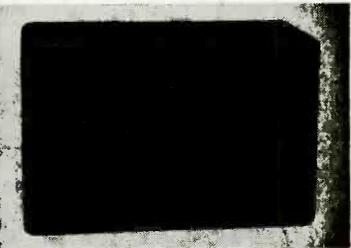
#### HARMONIC WAVE ANALYZER

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PEERLESS ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS CO., Los Angeles, Calif., has installed the first complete hydrogen annealing plant in the West for treatment of high permeability materials going into wide-range audio transformers.

HARVEY MACHINE CO. Inc., Los Angeles, Calif., has developed a miniature six-tube receiver for post-war distribution. It is described as about the size of three packages of cigarettes—neither being currently available.

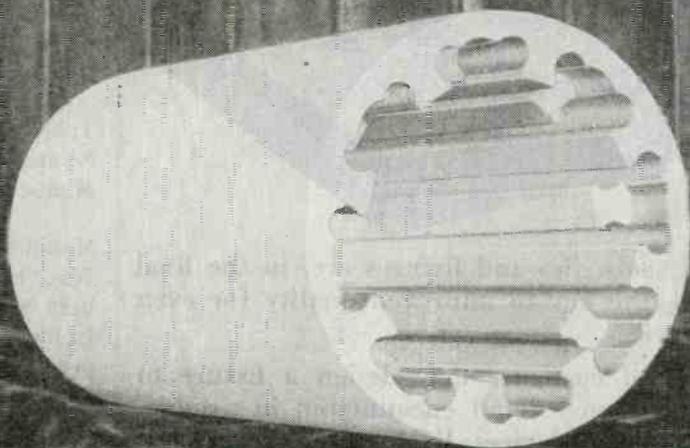
PHILCO CORP., Philadelphia, Pa., is cooperating with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on plans for a professional course in electronics. The new cooperative course, which leads to a master of science degree, will emphasize the advancement of television and highly developed production methods in applying wartime techniques to the arts of peace.

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RAILROADS is forming a central radio and communications - engineering and technical committee to coordinate frequency needs. The committee will maintain liaison for all member roads with FCC.

INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS, Detroit, Mich., and Visual Training Corp. are forming a combined school to give instructions in electricity and electronics. Students will be offered two-year engineering courses or short specialized training periods for specific industrial positions.

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THE 1350 SIXTH AVE. CORP., New York, N. Y., is planning what it believes to be the first theater in the U. S. to be built and equipped for projection television.

TELICON CORP. has opened a second crystal-finishing plant at 70th and Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY, Milwaukee, Wis., has 80 electrical union members studying in the special electronics course they are giving to produce better electricians. Instruction is to be given to 500 similar students who will carry their enlightenment back to the local organizations.

WESTERN ELECTRIC Co., New York, N. Y., is observing its 75th anniversary. It currently employs nearly 100,000 men and women and is the Nation's largest producer of communications and electronic equipment for the armed forces.

EMERSON RADIO AND PHONOGRAPH CORP., New York, N. Y., disbursed approximately \$149,000 to workers as a year-end bonus.

HOLTZER-CABOT ELECTRIC Co., Boston, Mass., has sold its signal systems department to Faraday Electric Corp., Chicago, Ill. Holtzer-Cabot is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Commercial Investment Trust Corp.

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H. B. MARVIN has been made available for special assignments in the tube division of General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y. He was formerly assistant engineer in the general engineering laboratory.

W. E. FULLERTON has been made vice-president in charge of production at Zenith Radio Corp., Chicago, Ill.

WINFIELD G. WAGENER is appointed chief engineer of the Vacuum Tube Division, Litton Engineering Lab-



oratories, Redwood City, Calif. He was previously chief engineer for Heintz & Kaufman, Ltd., San Francisco, Calif.

ALVA VAN ALYSTYNE has been made chief transmitter engineer at WMFM, Milwaukee, Wis. He was formerly a transmitter engineer.

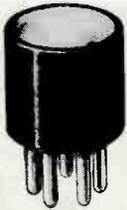
STANLEY A. DUVALL has been made chief engineer at Runzel Cord & Wire Co., Chicago, Ill. He was formerly in electronic consultation work.

E. A. HERTZLER has been made director of war research at United Electronics Co., Newark, N. J. He was formerly at Pratt Institute.

HAROLD W. SCHAEFER has been made assistant manager of the ra-

# NEW RECTIFIERS FOR SIMPLIFICATION OF CIRCUIT DESIGN PROBLEMS

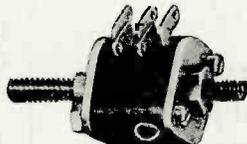
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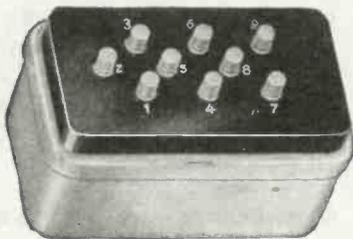
Coprox Model CX-2E4-A9, ring-connected and mounted in tube base, detects phase differentials in A.C. currents and small D.C. potentials applied to balanced A.C. circuits. Maximum 4.5 volts continuous. Shown here in actual size.



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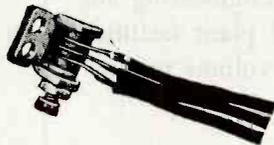


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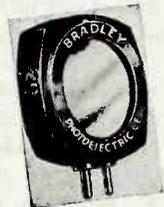
Coprox CX-2E4F2 (Not illustrated) Full wave rectifier rated up to 4.5 volts A.C., 3.0 volts D.C., 5 milliamperes D.C.

Coprox CX-2E2D4 (Above) Double half-wave rectifier rated up to 4.5 volts A.C., 3.0 volts D.C., 2.5 milliamperes D.C.

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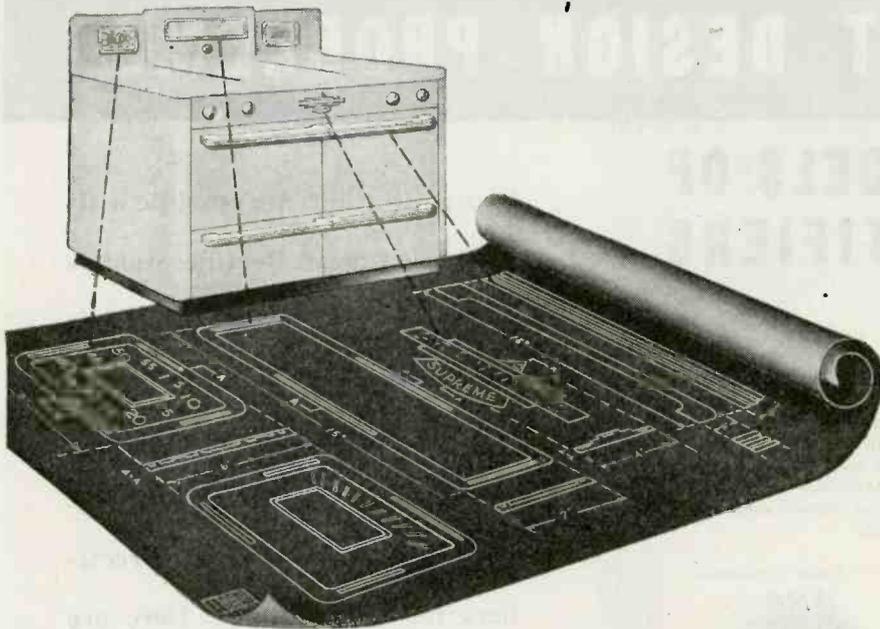
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dio receiver division at Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co. He was formerly in charge of radio and television manufacture at Radio Corp. of America.

PHILIP LAESER has made f-m-television engineering supervisor at WMFM, Milwaukee, Wis. He was formerly transmitter supervisor.

DR. DONALD B. SINCLAIR becomes assistant chief engineer in charge of circuit development at General



Radio Co., Cambridge, Mass. Before joining GR in 1936, he was a research associate at MIT.

J. R. DUNCAN has been made chief television engineer at WLW, Cincinnati, Ohio. He was formerly active in the building of WLW's present television studios.

E. G. SHALKHAUSER has been made chairman of the Electronic Products and Equipment Manufacturers Association, Chicago, Ill. He is connected with Radio Manufacturing Engineers, Inc., Peoria, Ill.

C. A. CROWLEY has become a mem-



ber of the consulting firm of Graham, Crowley and Associates Inc., Chicago, Ill., and Jenkintown, Pa.

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bility not only for television research and development, but also for work in the related fields of antennas, tubes, receivers, and recordings.



A. KENNETH GRAHAM has become a member of the consulting firm of Graham, Crowley and Associates Inc., Chicago, Ill., and Jenkintown, Pa.

WILLIAM C. SPEED has been made president of Audio Devices Inc., and Audio Manufacturing Corp., New York, N. Y. to succeed Hazard E. Reeves. Mr. Speed was formerly vice-president.

A. J. MONACK becomes vice presi-



dent in charge of engineering at Mycalex Corp. of America, New York, N. Y. He was formerly chief engineer.

MAX E. MARKELL, for the past four years chief of the vacuum tube section of the U. S. Signal Corps at



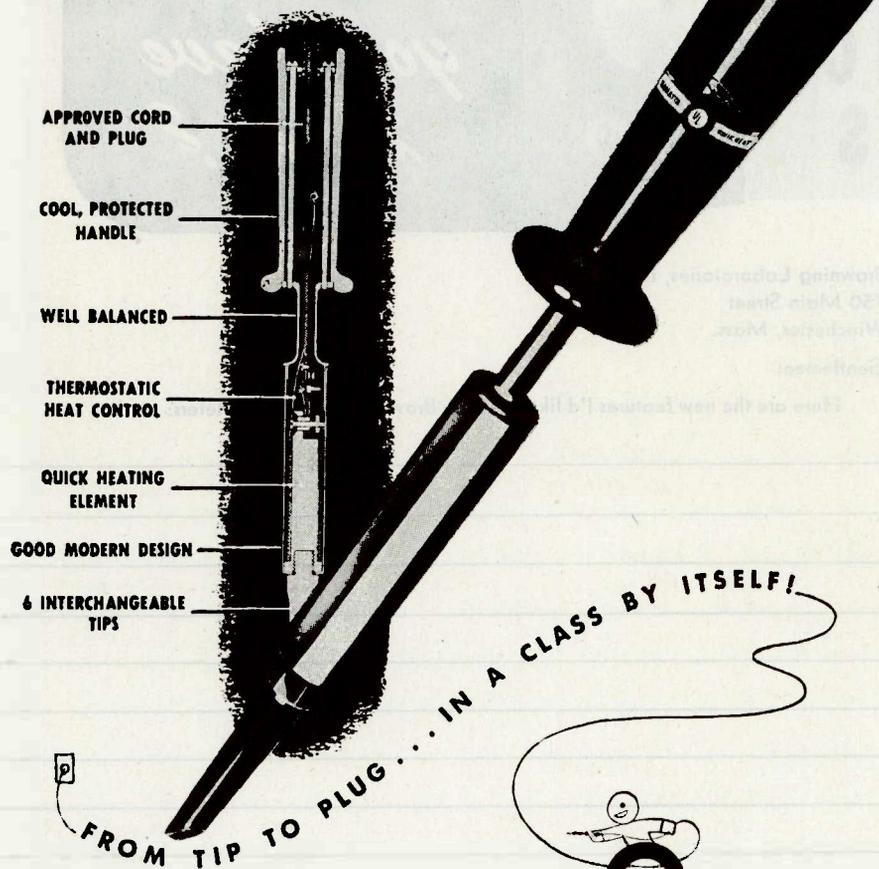
Camp Evans, joins RCA at Harrison, N. J., as a specialist on industrial tube applications.

DR. ERNST FREDRICK WERNER ALEXANDERSON, consulting engineer of General Electric Co., gets the Edi-



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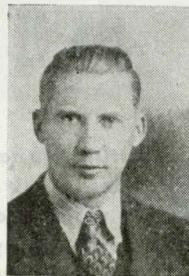
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MYLES V. BARASCH becomes chief engineer of Sherron Electronics Co., New York, N. Y. He has been with Western Electric Co. in charge of cathode-ray and electron-tube equipment design.

KENNETH MCLEOD takes charge of electronic quality control on the engineering staff of National Union Radio Corp. He has been working on war research at Columbia University, New York.

ROY C. SYLVANDER becomes director of engineering at Bendix Aviation



Corp.'s Eclipse-Pioneer Division, Teterboro, N. J. He has been chief engineer.

V. J. HALL joins the staff of Industrial and Commercial Electronics, Belmont, Calif., as assistant to the chief engineer. He specialized in the development of electronic equipment at Sperry Gyroscope Co.

JOHN M. MILLER JR. becomes chief engineer of United Cinephone Corp., Torrington, Conn. Formerly active in design and development

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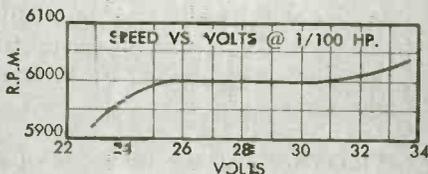
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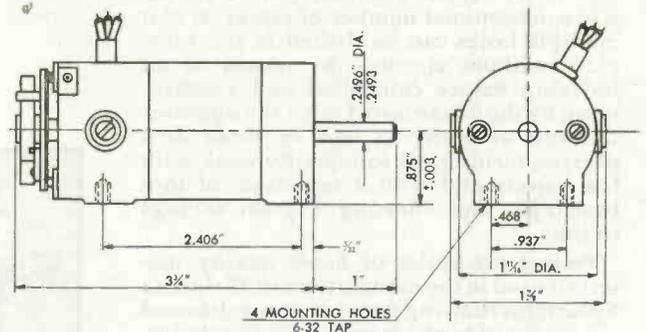
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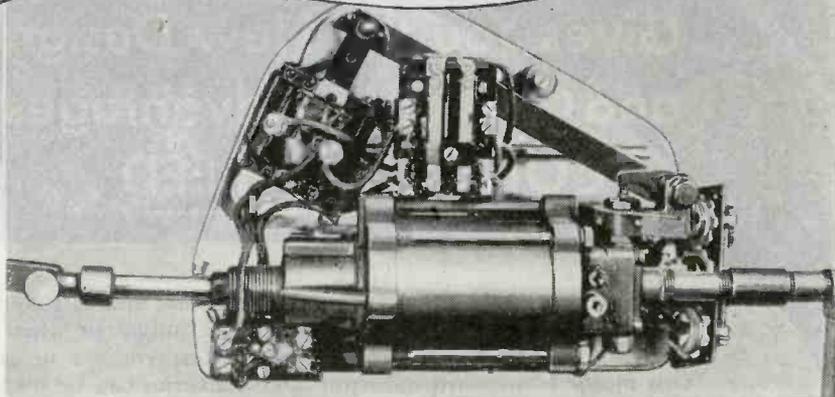
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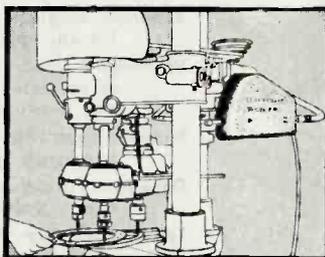
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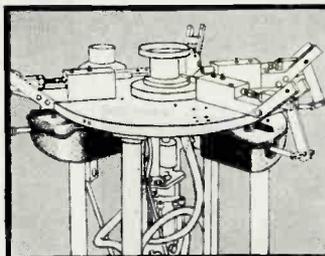
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ROBERT H. STREETER, newly appointed design engineer at Supreme Instruments Corp., Greenwood,



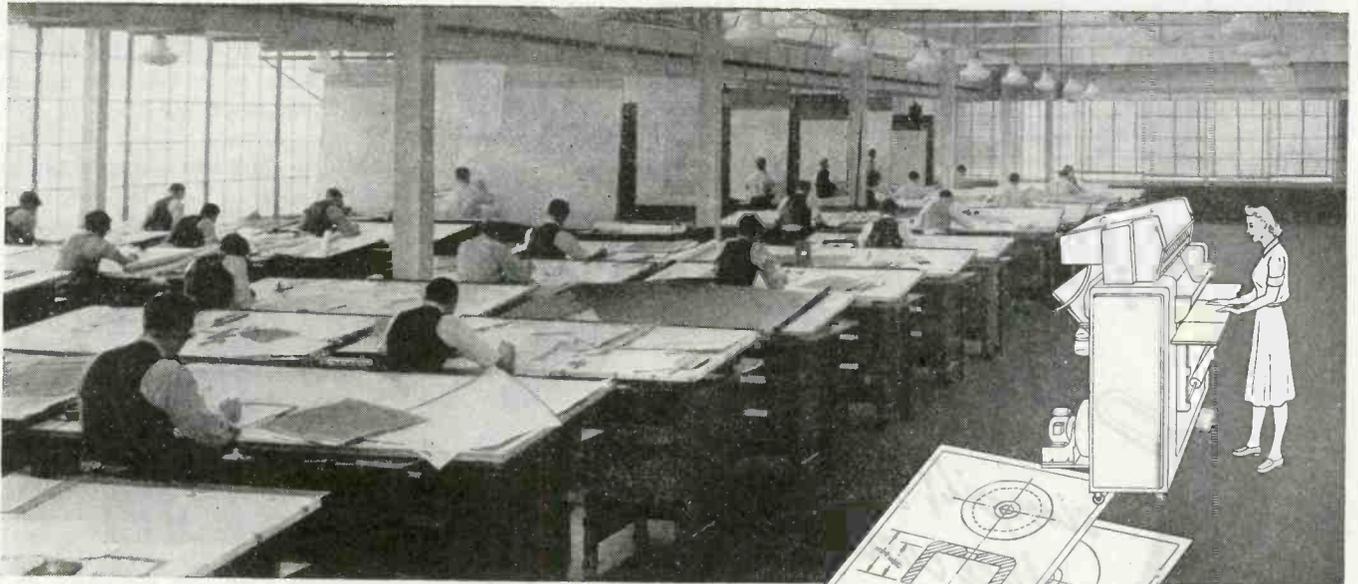
Miss., has recently gone there from Sparks-Withington Co. where he was a development engineer on automatic direction-finding equipment.

M. E. KARNS, formerly of Radio Corp. of America, becomes chief of the products and facilities branch of the radio and radar division of WPB. He takes over the duties performed by L. J. Chatten, now director.

WILLIAM F. SLOAN leaves his post as chief of equipment production section of WPB's communications division to resume consulting engineering in Chicago, Ill.

DR. JESSE E. HOBSON becomes director of Armour Research Foundation to replace Harold Vagtborg. Dr. Hobson was formerly head of the Electrical Engineering Department at Illinois Institute of Technology.

ALFRED W. PETERSON joins Automatic Electric Co., Chicago, Ill. Formerly chief engineer for the In-



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WILLIAM B. LODGE has been named director of general engineering at Columbia Broadcasting System, New York, N. Y. General engineering activities will include standard broadcasting; f-m and short-wave broadcasting; audio, studio, transmitter, and master control design; and frequency allocations.

DR. W. D. COOLIDGE retires from his post as vice president and director of the research laboratory at General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y. Dr. C. G. Suits, formerly assistant to the director, takes charge of the laboratory as a vice president.

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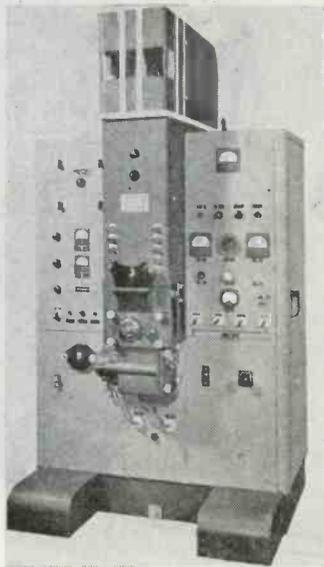
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## Electronic Equipment

FOR AIRCRAFT manufacturers, electric power companies and research laboratories, there is available a new self-contained industrial electronic oscillograph which records characteristics of electrical phe-



nomena lasting as little as a fraction of a millionth of a second. The unit consists of the oscillograph proper and a cabinet which houses all energizing and control circuits. An instrument of the cold cathode type, the oscillograph is capable of recording single electrical transients with respect to time, or two electrical phenomena with respect to each other, such as voltage versus current, in the form of diagrams produced by two pairs of electrostatic deflecting plates disposed at right angles to one another. The cathode of the tubes is energized from a 50 kv d-c rectifier with a control to correct for line voltage variation. The beam is normally blocked by a target. An impulse synchronized with the phenomena

will trip the relay which bends the beam around the target so that it will strike the fluorescent screen or film below.

Concentrating coils, beam current meter, and leak valve, control the intensity and size of the trace on the film. Deflecting coils move the zero position of the beam so as to use the whole area of the exposed film for the record. Included with the unit are a fluorescent screen for direct observation, and a stationary film holder which takes a standard film for recording electrical phenomena lasting 1/1000 of a second or less and can be operated with a

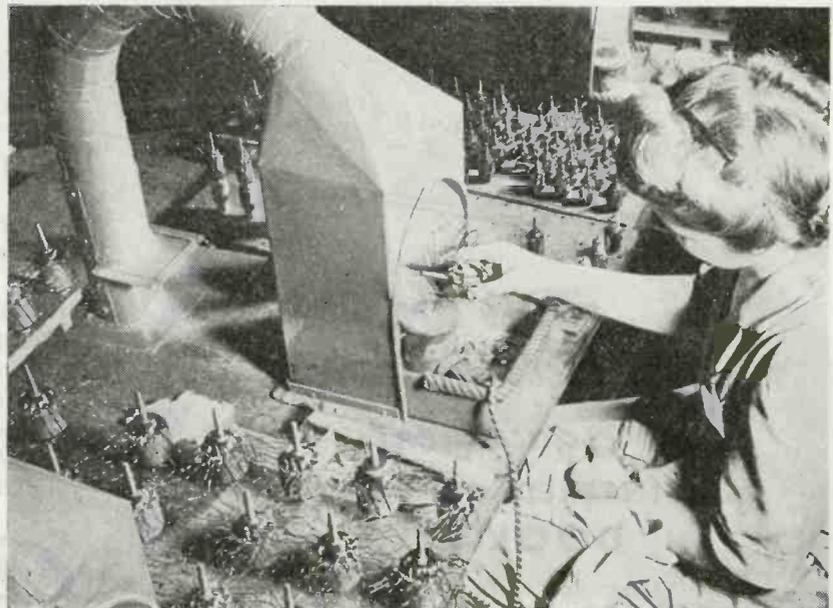
rotating film drum for phenomena lasting from 1/1000 to 1/10 of a second. A photo-electric control makes it possible to take an oscillogram in one revolution of the drum, regardless of speed. A photoelectric control eliminates the possibility of superimposed waves.

Another product announced by Westinghouse includes a new type of ceramic insulation which is called Zircon porcelain and which is for use in u-h-f equipment. The new material has very low loss at ultra-high frequencies.

Also announced is a new hot-forming molded laminate, known as Micarta 444, which combines the desirable molding properties of thermoplastic materials and the good physical characteristics of thermosetting materials. This new plastic can be heated and pressed into deep-drawn and complicated shapes. Other features of Micarta are good insulating qualities, high impact strength, and good thermal stability.

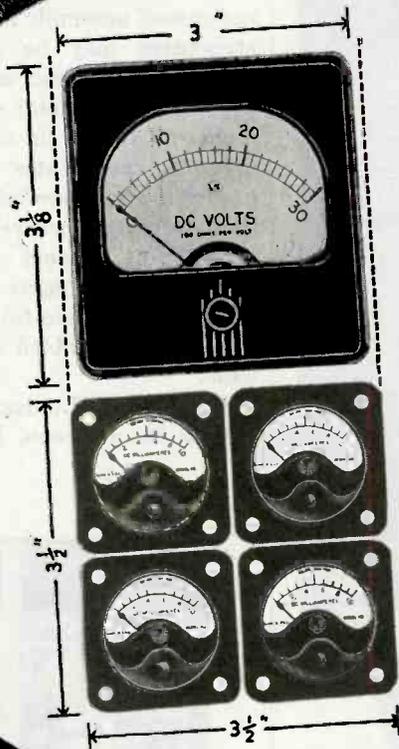
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## WAR SOLDER SPEEDS PRODUCTION



Wire loops on small armatures having their Formex insulation burned off at the same time they are tinned in one Fairchild plant. This is accomplished by heating 60-40 solder to 1,000 deg. F in an electrically-heated pot. The operation formerly required burning off the insulation in an alcohol-lamp flame and wire-brushing before soldering. This took three times as long as the present technique using the war solder

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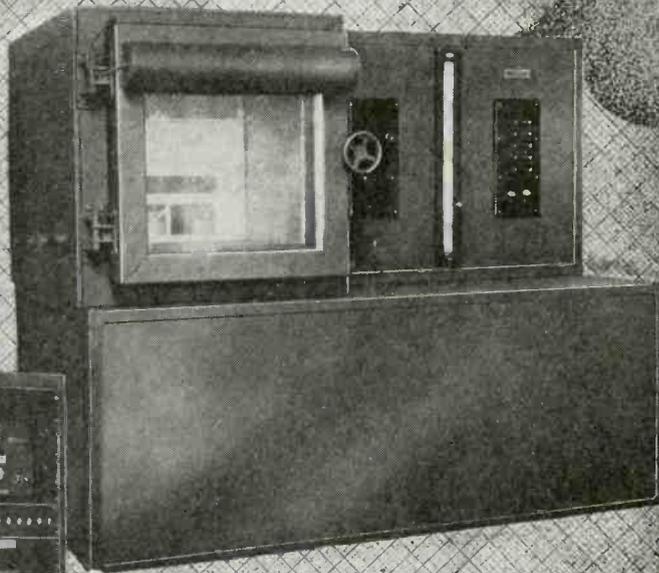
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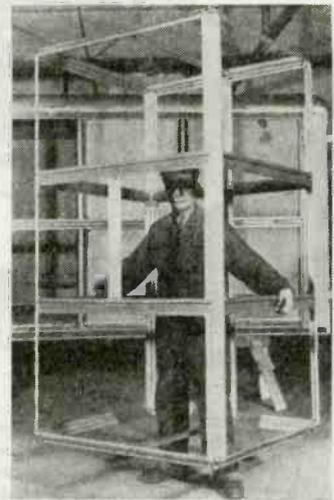
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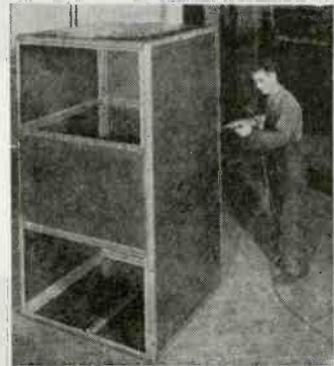
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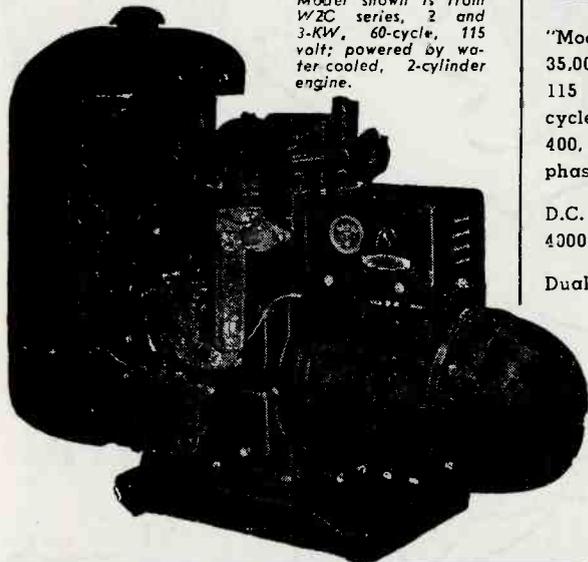
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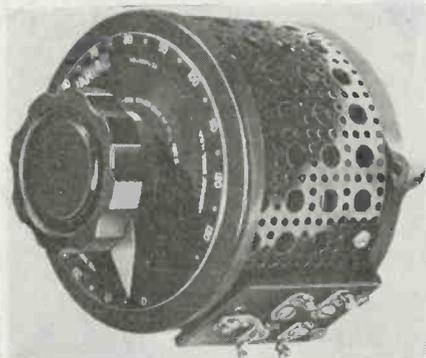
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## General Radio Devices

A VARIAC AND AN oscillator are two new instruments announced by General Radio Co., 275 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge 39, Mass.

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up to 135 v are obtainable with 115-v input. A new type of brush and radiator construction is used so that brushes can be changed in a few seconds. Type 60 Variac is available with or without a case. Overall height is 4½ in., overall diameter is 5½ in. Cased, the unit weighs 3½ lbs, and uncased 3 lbs, 2 oz.

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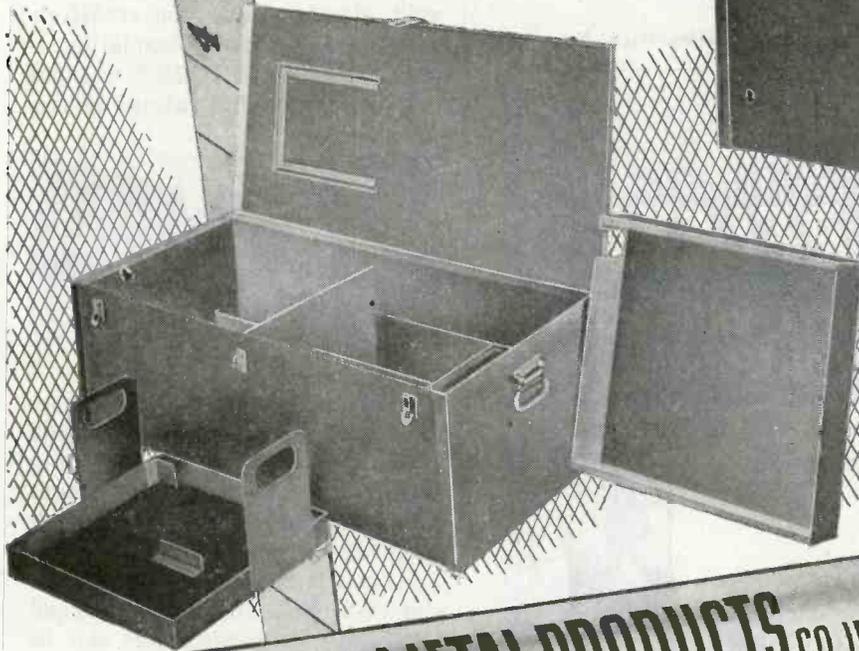
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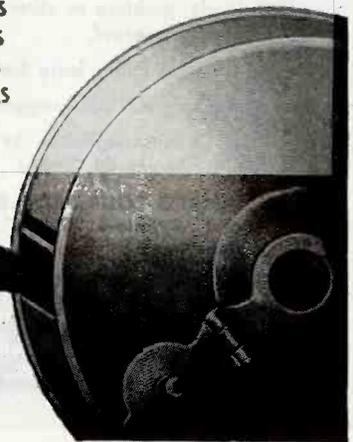
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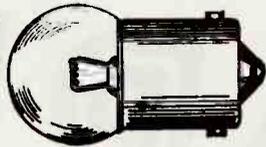
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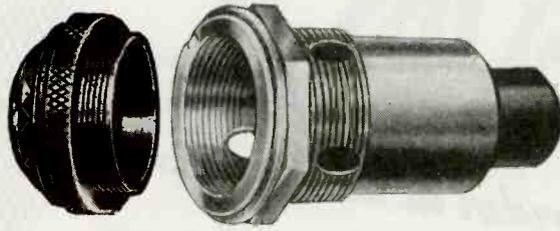
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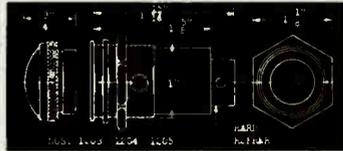
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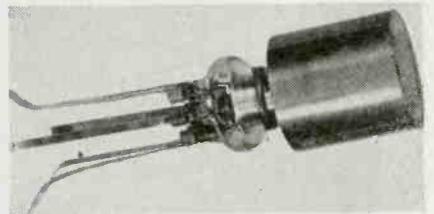
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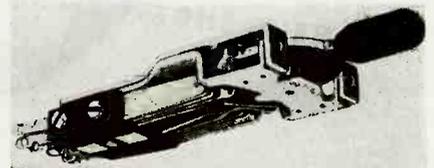
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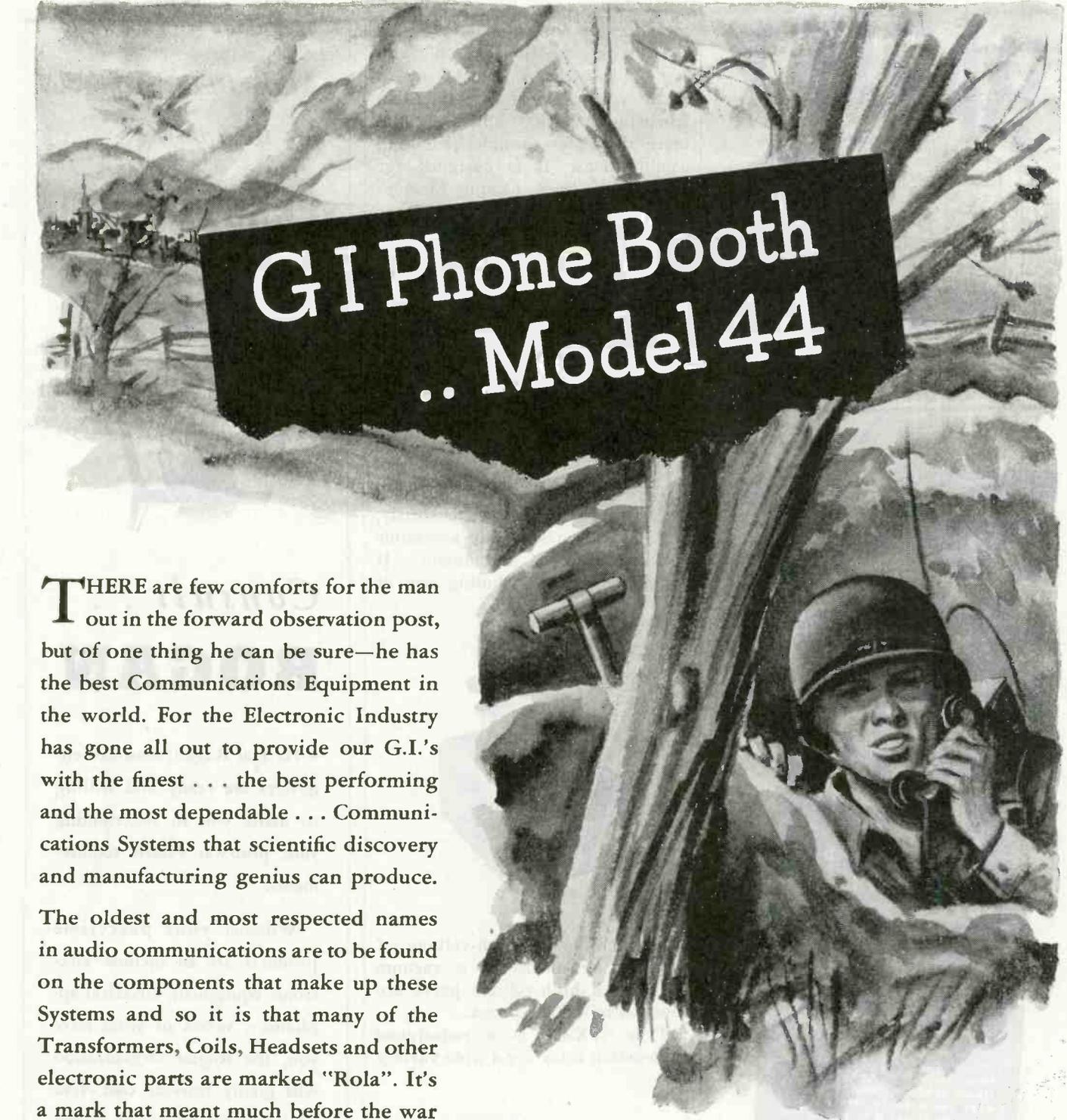
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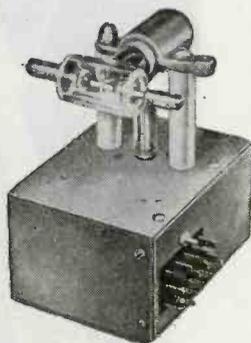
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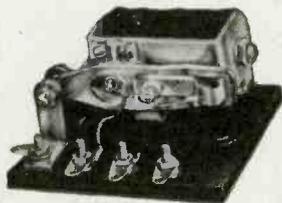
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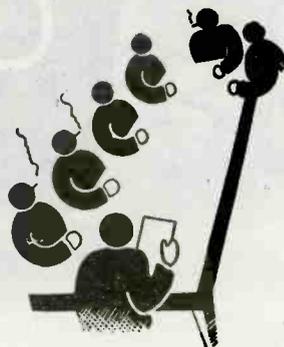
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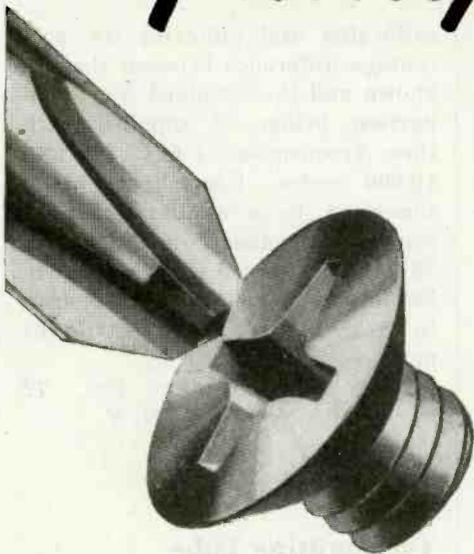
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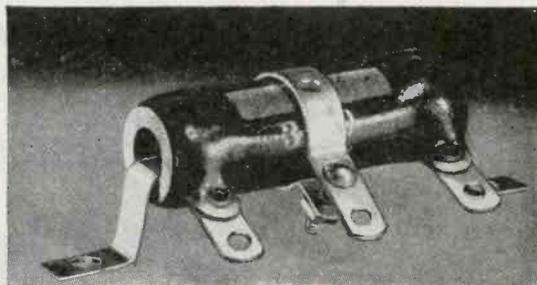
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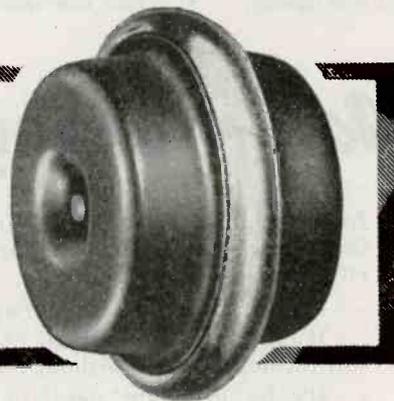
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### Comparison Bridge

THIS COMPARISON bridge measures resistors, capacitors and inductors by comparison with a standard. Components can be measured with a precision ranging from 0.5 percent to 10 percent. This range can be extended to 20 percent. This unit is self-contained, and is a-c operated on 105 to 125 v, 50 to 60 cps. The instrument consists of one a-c bridge phase shift oscillator and a vacuum-type voltmeter. A null indicator in conjunction with a



calibrated dial indicates the percentage difference between the unknown and the standard. The comparison bridge is supplied with three frequencies of 60, 1,000 and 10,000 cycles. Components being compared to a similar standard range are: capacitors 25  $\mu\text{f}$  to 20  $\mu\text{f}$ ; inductors 5 microhenries to 500 henries, resistors from 10 ohms to 5 megohms. The instrument measures  $10 \times 7\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$  in.

Freed Transformer Co., 72 Spring St., New York, N. Y.

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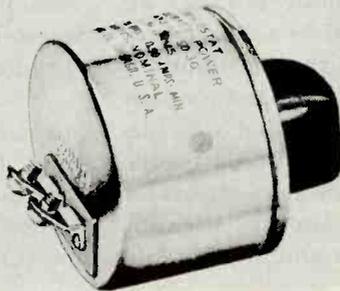
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w and plate modulated output is 240 w, when operated in Class C. Mounting is either vertical or horizontal (although when mounted horizontally the filament must be kept in a vertical plane.) Filament voltage is rated 10-v a-c, or d-c at 5 amp; transconductance for plate current of 50 milliamp is approximately 3750  $\mu$ mhos; interelectrode capacitances, grid to plate (with external shield) 0.2  $\mu$ mf maximum; input 16.2  $\mu$ mf; output 14  $\mu$ mf. The tube is available for military and government orders on priority basis for war contracts.

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## Regulated Power Supplies

IN APRIL ELECTRONICS Model 44 power supply unit is described. The manufacturer now has available Model 44-B (illustrated) which is similar to Model 44, but provides higher load current. Output current is rated 250 milliamp maximum (Model 44 is rated 100 milliamp maximum). Other characteristics for both models are: input 105-125-v a-c; output voltage 0-300 v d-c in three ranges; regulation (maximum voltage change with load)  $\pm 0.2$  v at 300 v;  $\pm 0.1$  v on 0-10-v range. Line stability (maxi-

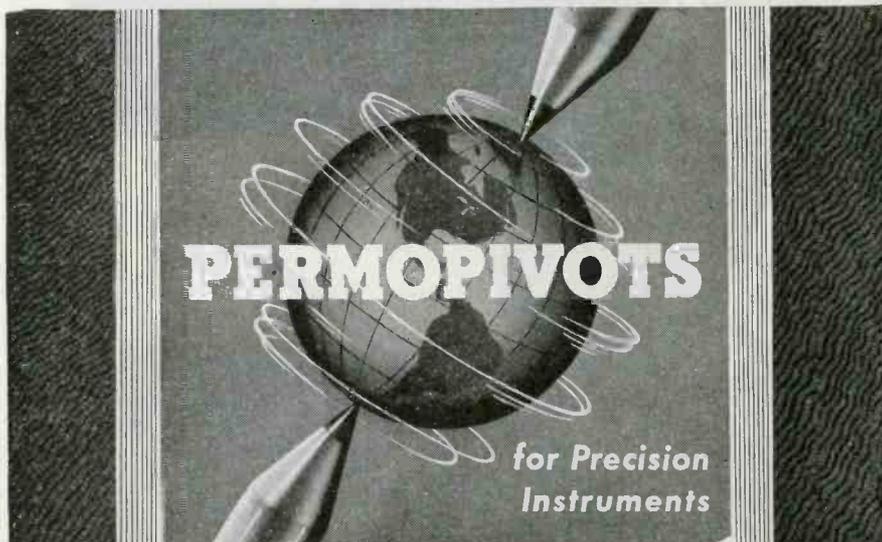


imum voltage variation with line changes)  $\pm 0.5$  v at 300 v;  $\pm 0.15$  v on 0-10-v range. Both instruments are intended as general laboratory instruments, or wherever a source of voltage of a variable nature is desired. A 4-page bulletin describing these units, as well as Model 42-A (described in May ELECTRONICS) is available from the manufacturer, Radio-Television Institute, Inc., 480 Lexington Ave., New York 17, N. Y.

## Insulated Carbon Resistors

TWO NEW LINES, consisting of five different types of insulated carbon resistors (which cover six different AWS ratings: RC10, 20, 21, 30, 31 and 40) are in production by Erie Resistor Corp., Erie, Pa.

The first line consists of Erie type 504B (RC21) which measures  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. in length, and  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. in diameter, and which replaces the manufacturer's type 504. Type 518B (RC31) replaces type 518. It measures  $\frac{3}{16}$  in. in length and  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. in diameter. The newer types have one-piece molded phenolic cases in-



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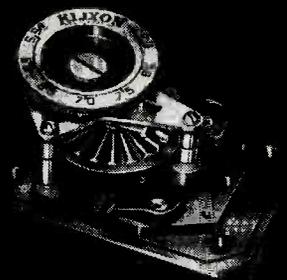
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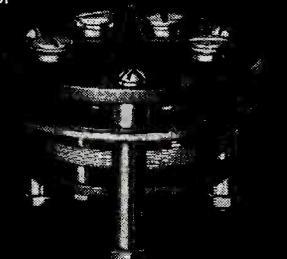
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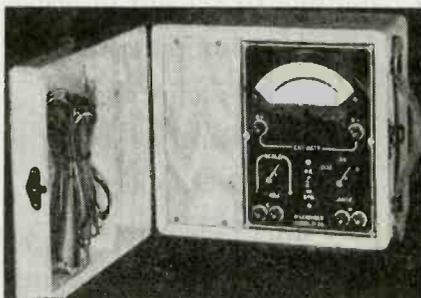
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stead of ceramic insulation, and are available in resistance values from 0.5 ohm to 100 megohms.

Other units announced include a new line of compact, hot molded, insulated resistors in 1/4-, 1/2-, 1- and 2-w ratings in the following types: Type 524 (RC10 and RC20) measures 3/4 in. in length, 0.135 in. diameter; Type 525 (RC30) measures 5/8 in. in length and 3/8 in. diameter; and Type 526 (RC40) measures 1 1/4 in. in length, and 3/8 in. diameter. The resistance mix and insulation material of these types are molded simultaneously as an integral unit. The resistors are manufactured only in RMA preferred values from 220 ohms up to and including 4.7 megohms. Wire leads are 1 1/2 in. maximum, No. 20 wire on types 524, 504B and 518B; No. 18 wire is used on types 525 and 526.

### Resistance Meter

MODEL P-25 Milliohmer may be used in bond testing, or to measure switch or contact resistance, or fractional ohm standards, or in quantitative analysis (by the resistance check method). The circuit of the instrument is an adaptation of the potentiometric method of low resistance measurement. Accuracy is rated 1 percent or better. The meter has three ranges—from zero



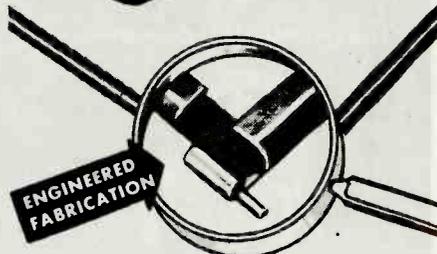
to 0.005, 0.05 and 5 ohms. The scale is a direct-reading linear type. It is mirrored to eliminate parallax and facilitate extremely accurate readings. Built-in standard resistors are all of the 4-terminal type and are individually adjusted to an accuracy of 1/2 of 1 percent. The unit operates on self-contained batteries. Available on priority of AA3 or better.

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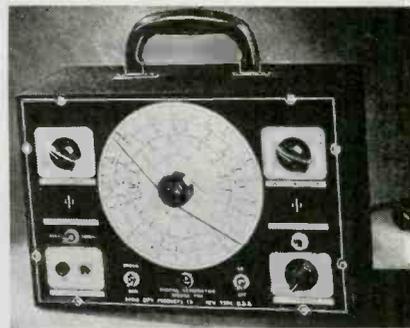
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either 400 cycles or 1,000 cycles, sine wave. Either is available for external use. Protective features of the instrument include automatic shorting of all coils not in use; individual shielding of r-f circuits, coil assembly and attenuator; and an overall steel case, chassis and panel. A 5-step attenuator is used for controlling the output. The instrument is supplied with a pilot-light "on-off" indicator and a double-fused cord.

Radio City Products Co., 127 West 26th St., New York 1, N. Y.

## Current-Measuring Instruments

THESE CURRENT-MEASURING instruments feature linear scales, unit construction and dust-proof cases. Unit construction means that the jewel bearings, armature and core are all assembled as a unit and that the Alnico magnet and pole pieces are brazed together as a unit. Brazing is done in an induction furnace to insure a uniform joint and to prevent spreading or loosening under vibration. Standard meters come in a wide range of models. The manufacturer will design meters to

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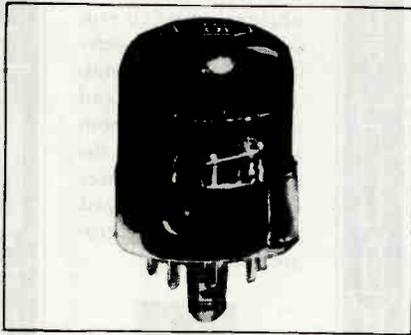
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## Type 1AB5 Used as Mixer, RF Amplifier At 50Mc. and Above

Sylvania Electric's 1AB5 tube is a filament type pentode for use as a mixer or RF amplifier in circuits requiring a tube of greater mutual conductance than the 11N5.

The 1AB5 is especially designed for operation at frequencies of 50Mc. and



higher. Its combination of characteristics results in higher effective input resistance at these frequencies.

The tube has an 8-pin base of the Lock-In type, and a Short T-9 bulb. It is designed to operate on a filament voltage of 1.2. Full technical data are available from Sylvania Electric.

## DID YOU KNOW...

That new long, small diameter fluorescent lamps soon to be placed in production at Sylvania Electric will be of the instant starting type? Using no starters, they will need less maintenance.

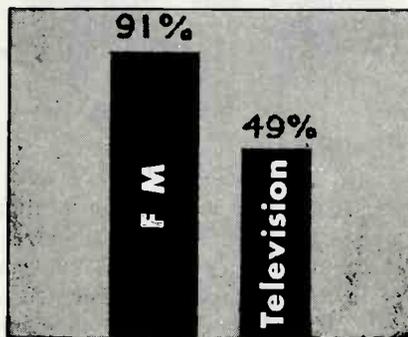
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That the taking of tube characteristics by photographing an oscilloscopic trace permits the measurement of tube performance which could not otherwise be obtained? This is the method used in the Sylvania Laboratories.

## Set-Owners Place FM First in Sylvania Survey of Radio Sets

### 91% of Consumers Interviewed Say They Want This Feature in Postwar Receivers

Preliminary reports of the nationwide survey being conducted by Sylvania Electric indicate a high degree of interest in frequency modulation. Of the thousands of set-owners who have been personally interviewed, 91% have indicated their desire to have FM incorporated in their postwar receivers.



Graph shows percentages of set-owners stating that they want FM and television in their postwar sets.

## SYLVESTER SURVEY



"Would you be willing to go as high as \$300 to have FM and television included in your radio set?"

70% said that they were willing to pay an additional sum in order to get this feature.

Television, while also a subject of considerable interest, ranked behind FM in the tabulation of survey results. 49% of those interviewed stated that they wanted television reception after the war. The same percentage indicated their willingness to pay extra for it.

## INFLUENCE OF COST

As a guide to set manufacturers in their postwar planning, the Sylvania survey is also eliciting information on the amounts which consumers would be willing to pay in order to have FM and television. The results of this phase of the survey will be published in subsequent issues of SYLVANIA NEWS.

## SURVEY CONTINUES

While the analysis of the results of personal interviews is going on, Sylvania Electric is continuing its survey, and broadening its scope, through the medium of a series of questionnaire-type advertisements appearing in leading national magazines.

The purpose of these advertisements is to gather additional information on consumer preferences and interest, not only in various types of radio and television receivers, but also in the possibility of using electronic devices in their homes.

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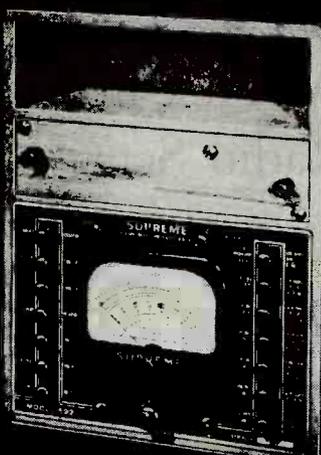
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OUTPUT VOLTMETER:  
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With the above specifications the Supreme Model 592 Speed Tester meets today's requirements for general laboratory use, assembly line tests and inspection, radio and other electronic repair and maintenance.

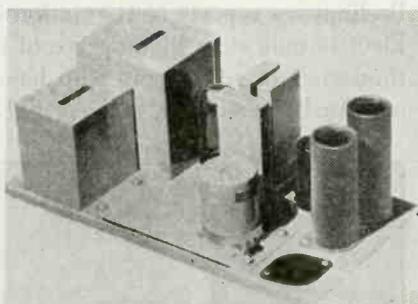
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fit individual needs, if desired. A catalog sheet, No. 101, explains the functions, adaptability and construction of these meters which are available from General Electronics Mfg. Co., Culver City, Calif.

## Amplifiers

FOR F-M APPLICATIONS Series 102 amplifiers with mounting accessories are available. The series consists of the following four types of amplifiers: Type 102-A which has input impedances of 30/250 ohms and output impedance of 600 ohms; frequency response of 30-16000 cps,  $\pm 0.5$  db. Type 102-B is a three-stage amplifier with a gain of 95



db. It employs input stage mixing, and is intended for public address installations. Type 102-C consists of a three-stage amplifier, fixed gain, adjustable, 75/85/95 db. Type 102-D is a two-stage amplifier with fixed gain of 61 db with 600 ohms input impedance, and 45 db bridging also with 600 ohms input impedance.

The Langevin Co., Inc., 37 West 65th St., New York 23, N. Y.

## Electronic Control

DESIGNATED AS Type P25N is an electronic concentrate control for detecting and controlling, through operation of signals, valves or pumps, changes in liquid concentrations. It is intended for all applications in which changes in concentration are accompanied by a corresponding change in electrical conductivity. The instrument has a sensitivity range of 100 to 5,000 ohms and operates on a 5 percent change in probe-circuit resistance. The predetermined resistance value for which the control is set remains fixed regardless of va-



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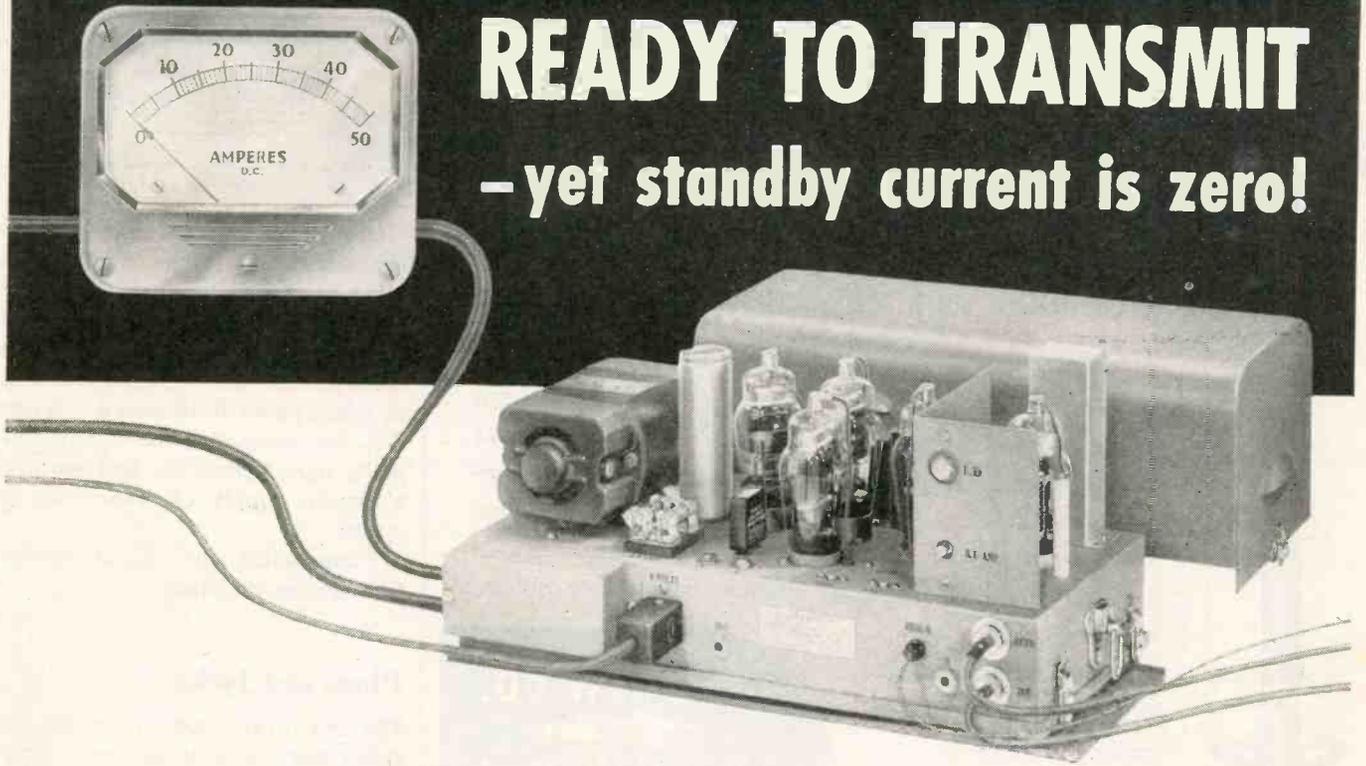
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# READY TO TRANSMIT

## —yet standby current is zero!



## To reduce drain on batteries specify KAAR *Instant-Heating* RADIOTELEPHONES

One of the special features of Kaar mobile transmitters is their instant heating tubes. When the "push-to-talk" button on the microphone is pressed, the transmitter immediately goes on the air... but between transmissions standby current is zero. By eliminating battery drain during standby periods, this 22-watt transmitter can be operated from a vehicle's 6-volt ignition battery without requiring frequent re-charging.

The PTS-22X shown above operates on frequencies between 30

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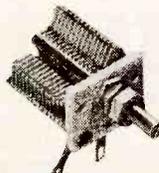
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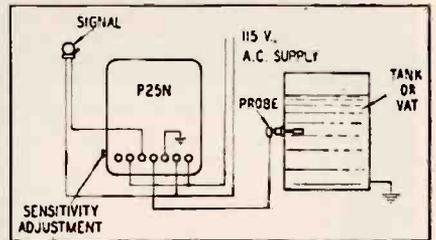
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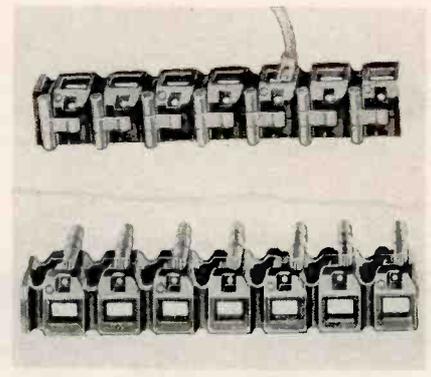
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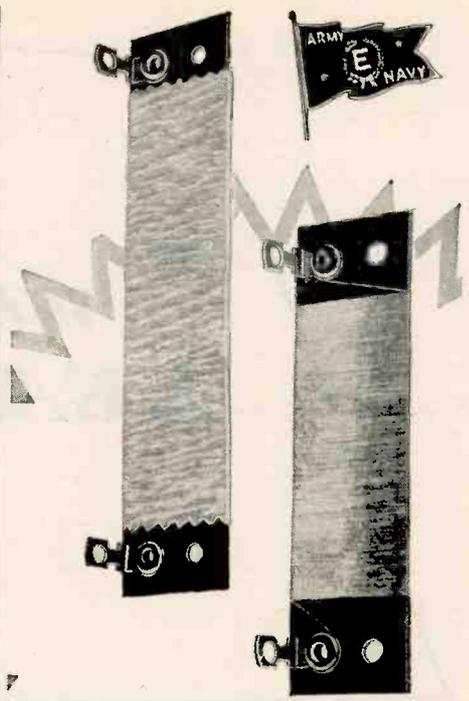
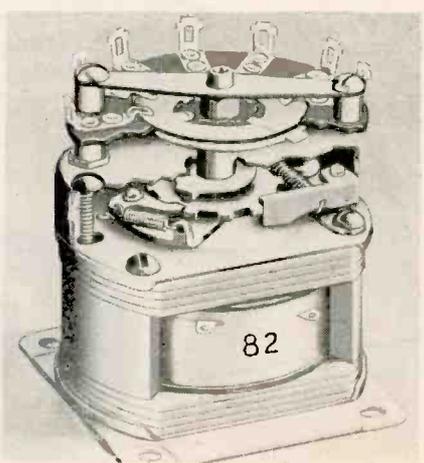


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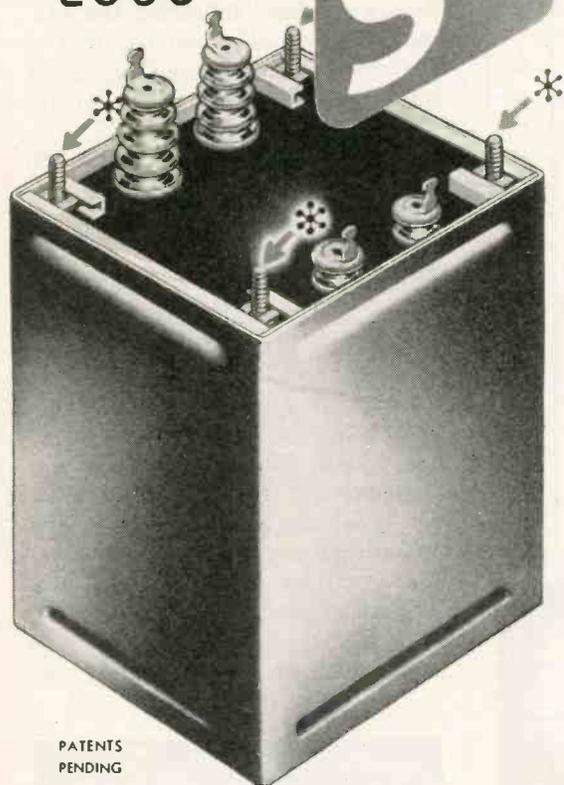
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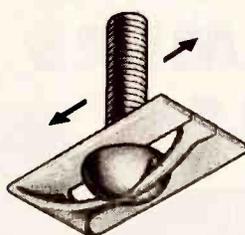
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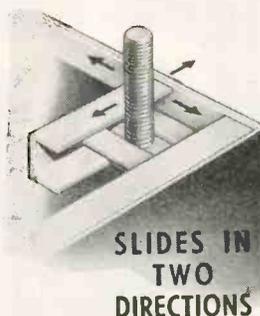
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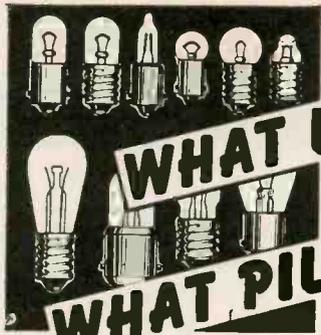
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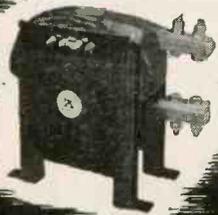
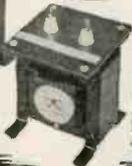
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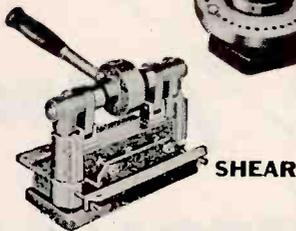
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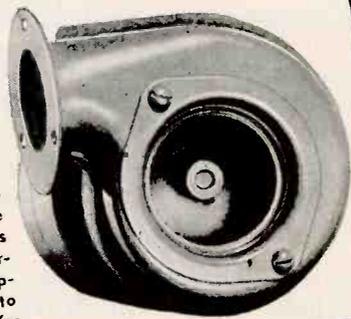


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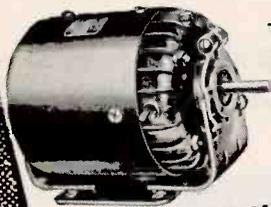
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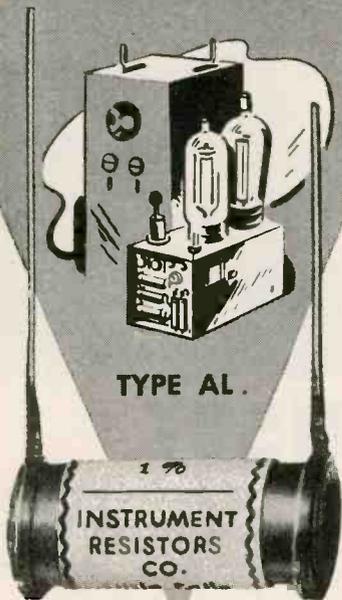
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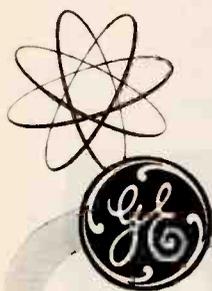
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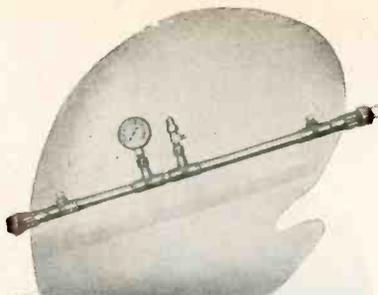
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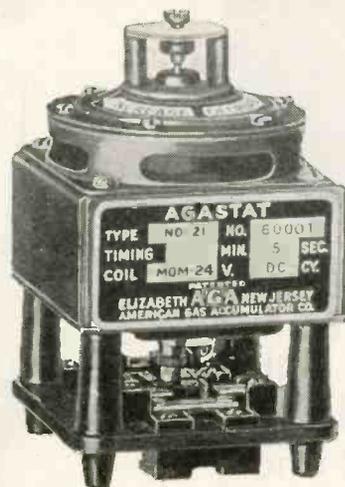
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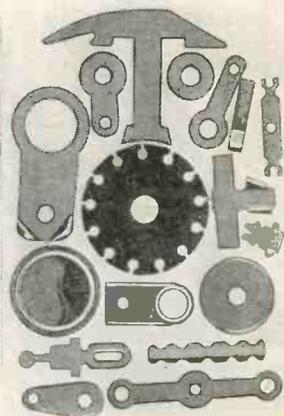
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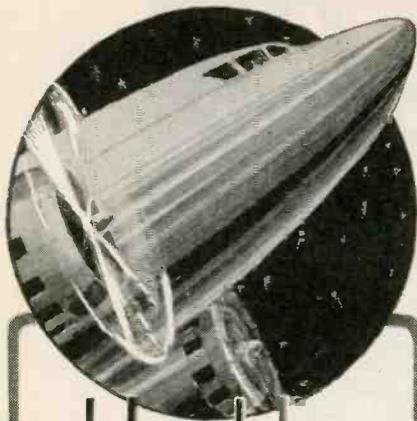
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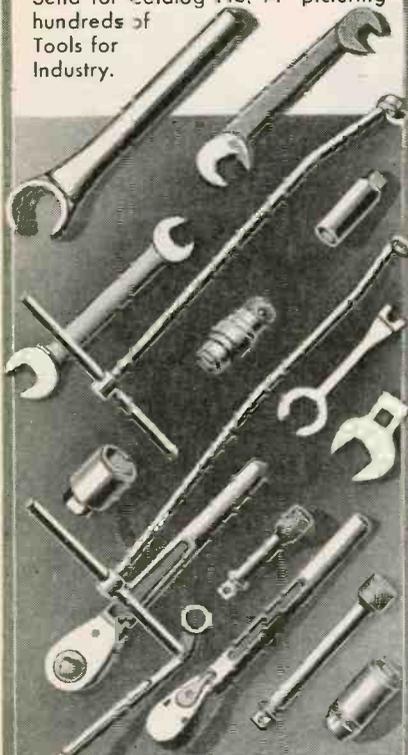


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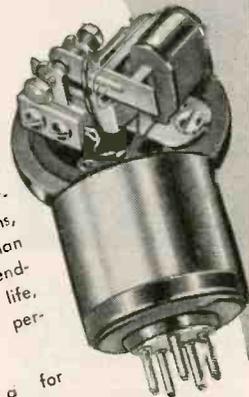


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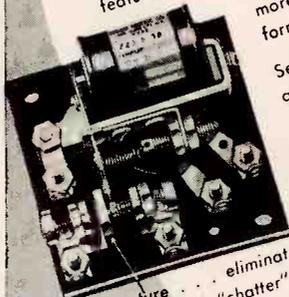
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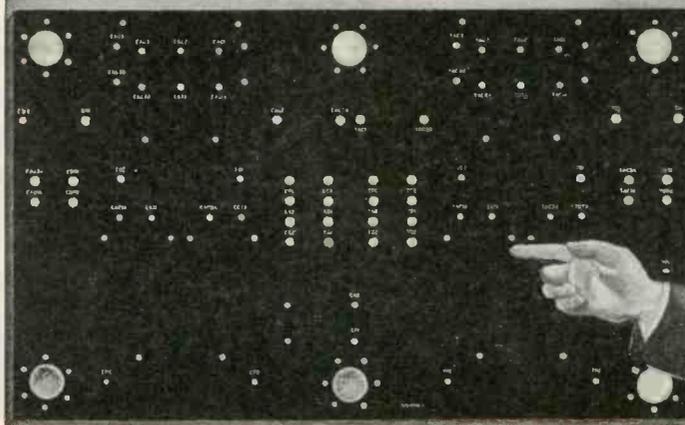
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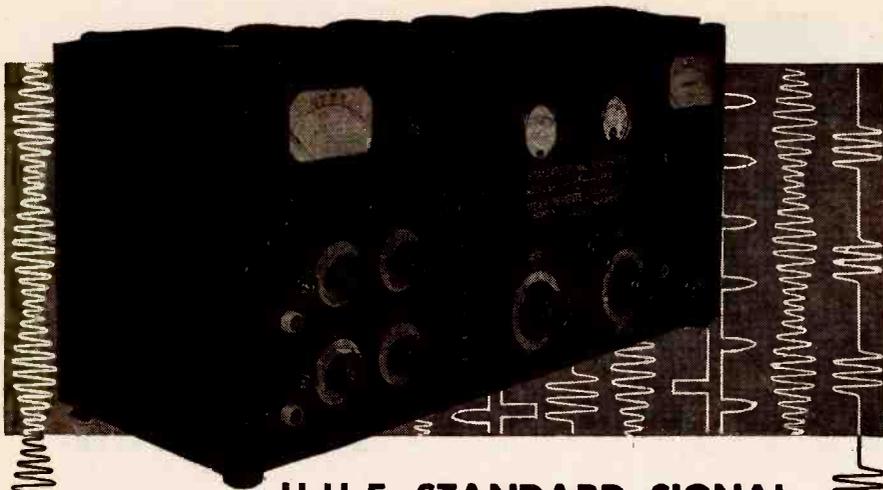
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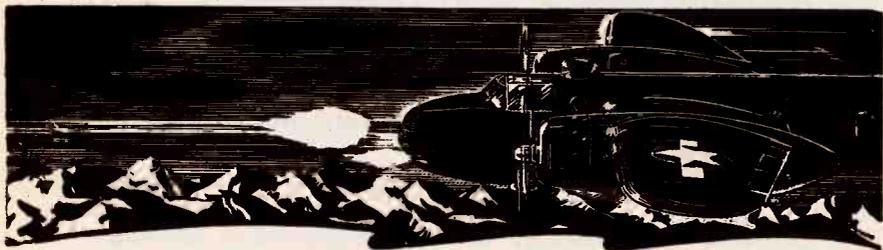
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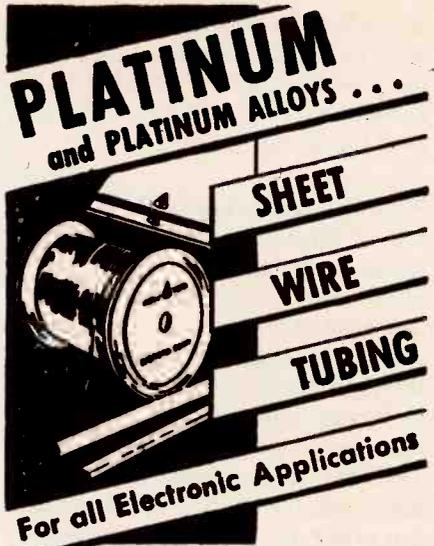
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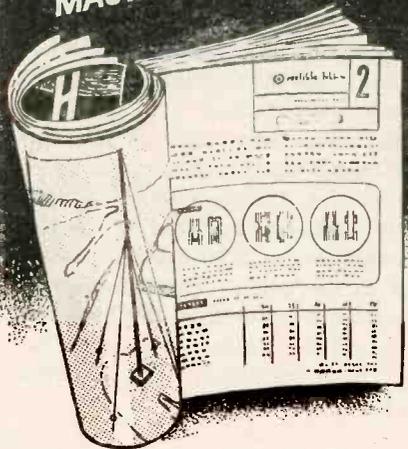
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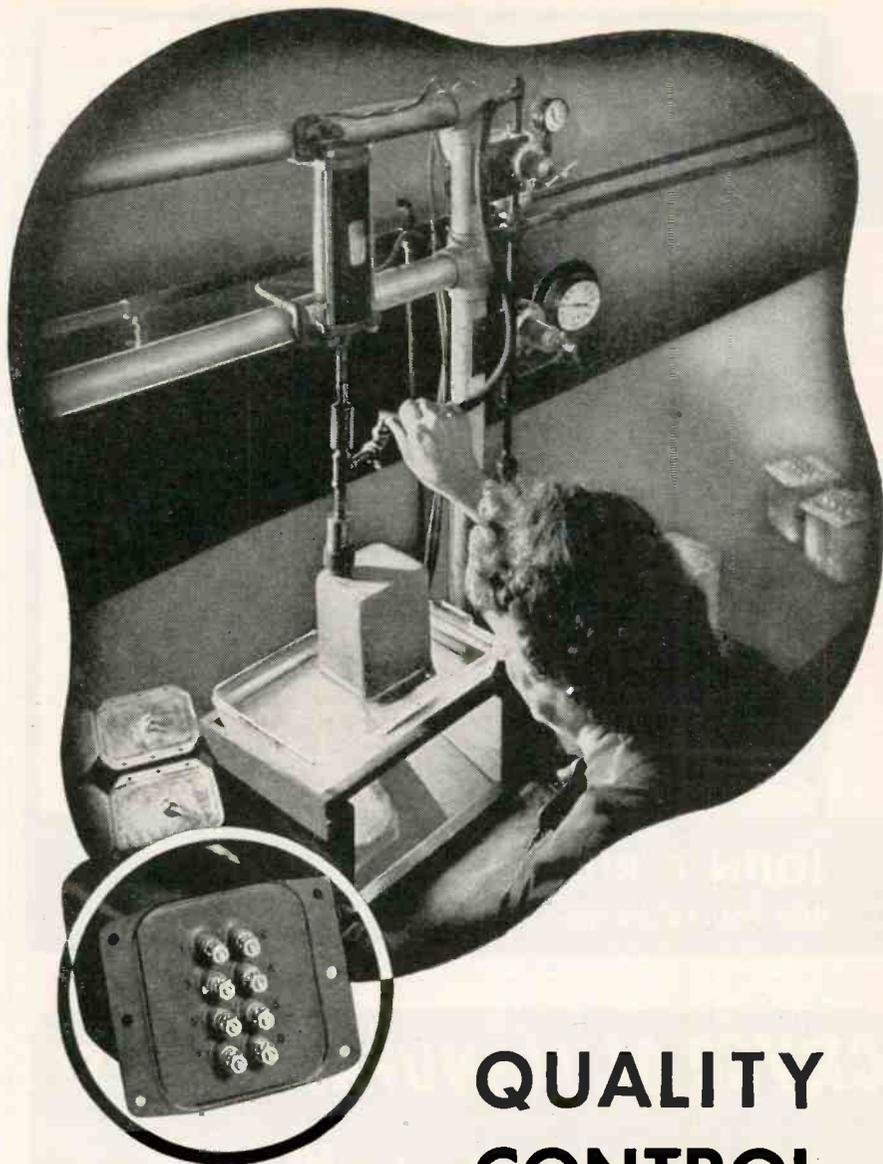
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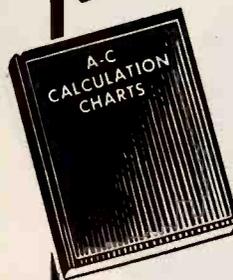


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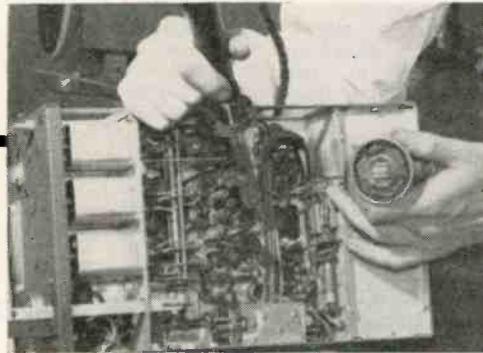
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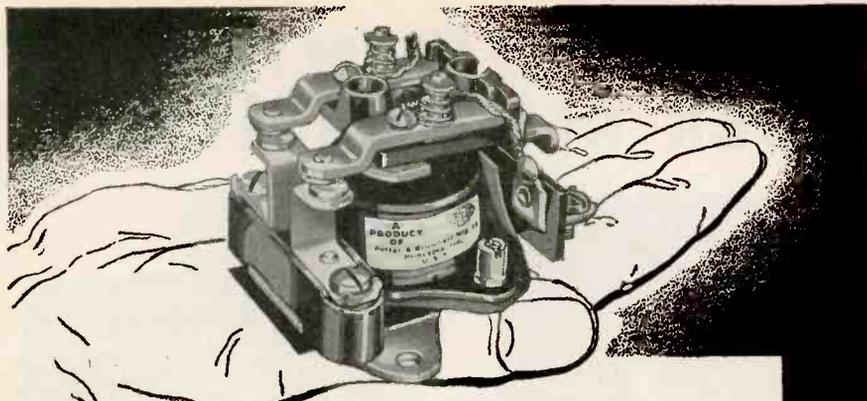
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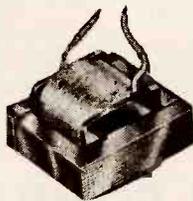
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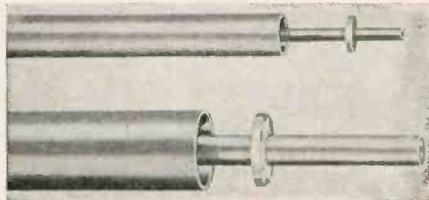
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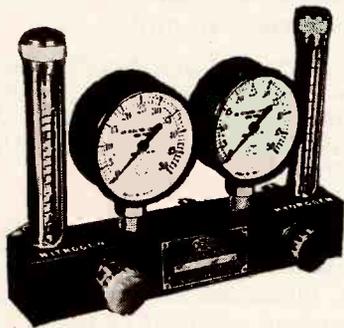
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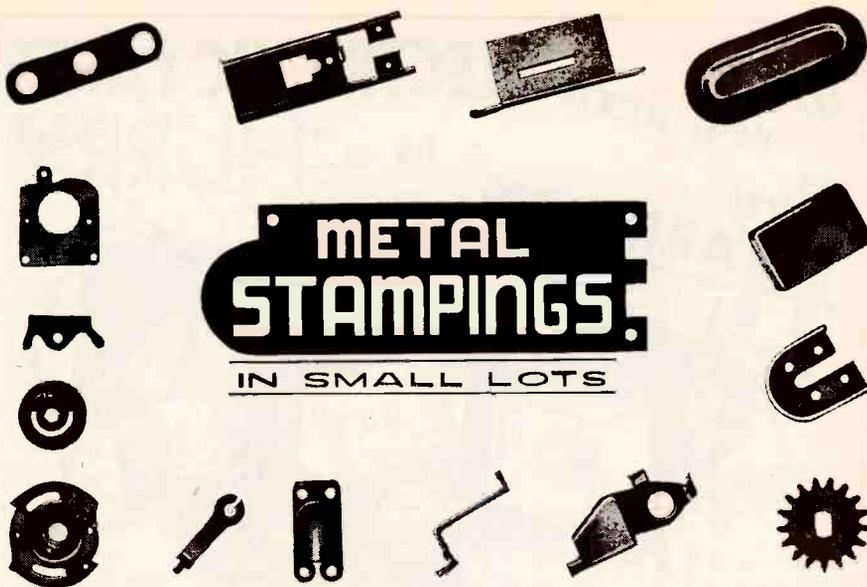


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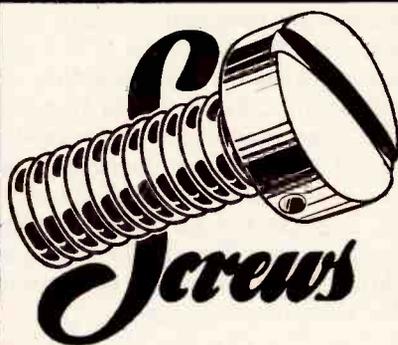
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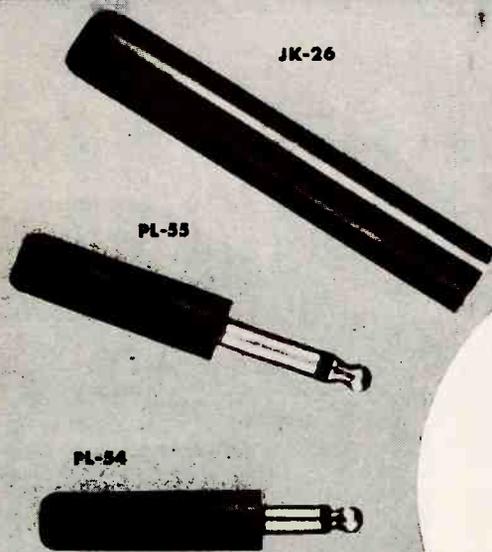
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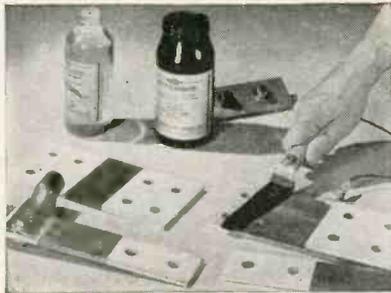
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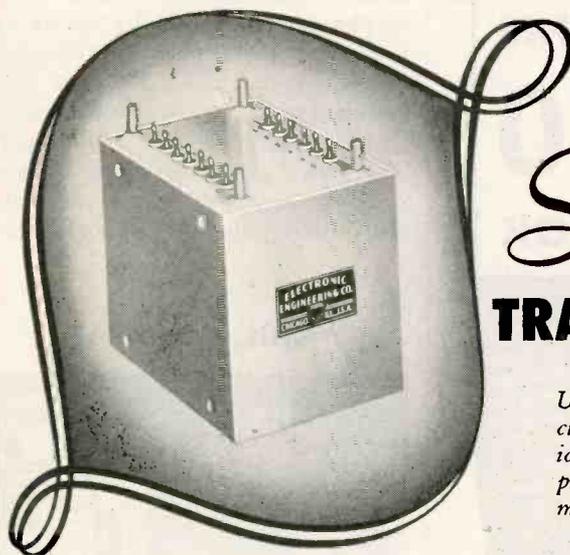
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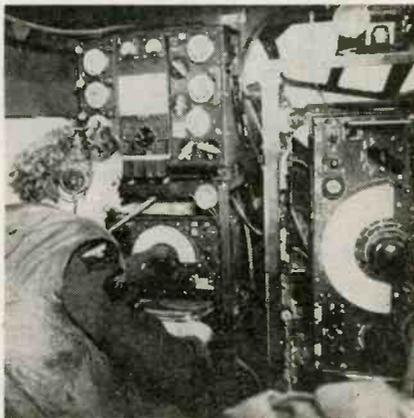
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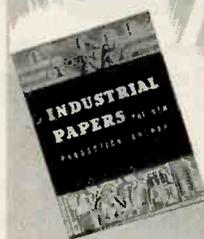
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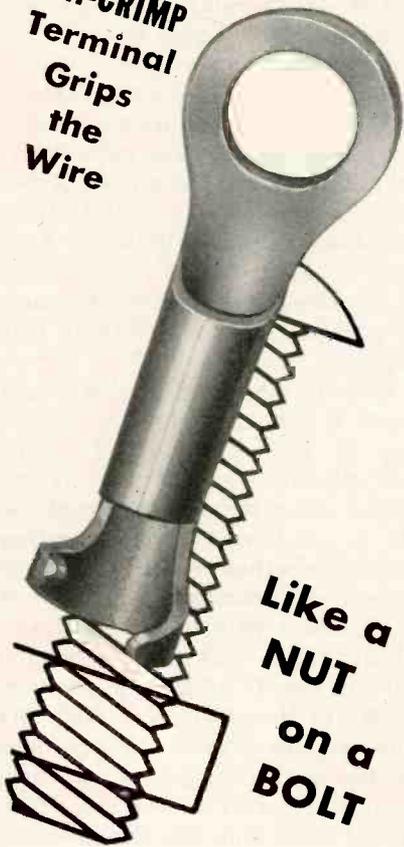


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By DAVID GRIMES, *Pitman Publishing Corp., New York 19, N. Y., 1944, 120 pages, \$2.00.*

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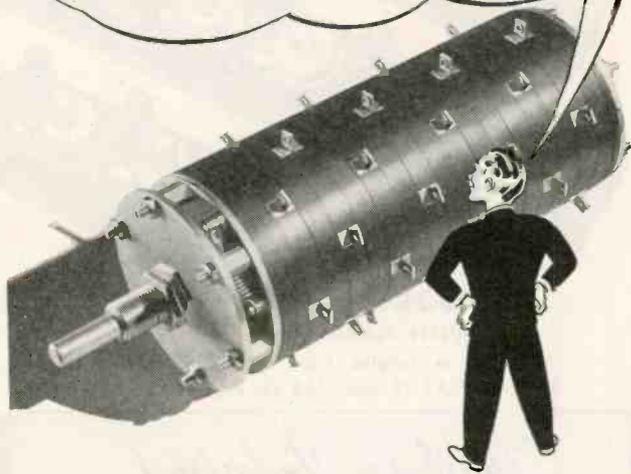
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Pen and ink sketches by J. Riegel, Jr., are a notable feature of the book.—J.K.

### Seeing the Invisible

By GESSNER G. HAWLEY, *Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., New York, 1945, 200 p., \$2.50.*

THE ELECTRON MICROSCOPE, how it works, how it was developed, and its possibilities in research in many fields are described in language for the layman. The author admits that he may not secure unqualified approval of experts because of the lack of details of construction and operation. Even a student would need some of these, but he could not help but become a more interested student for having been made familiar with the vastly widened possibilities open to him in research.

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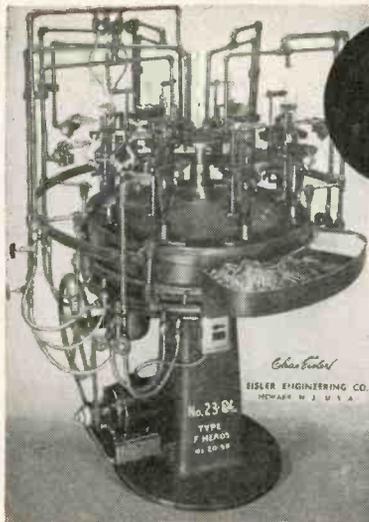
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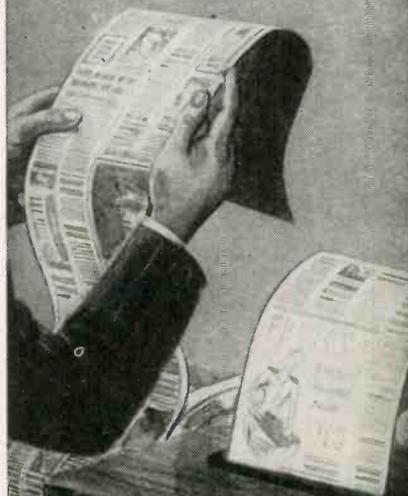
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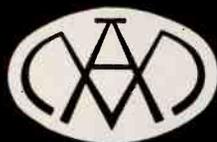
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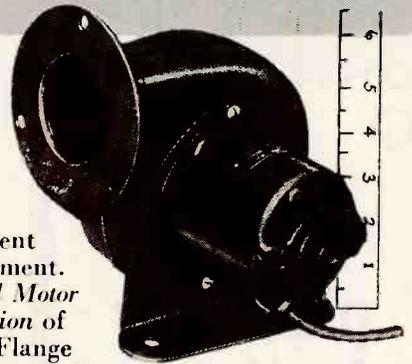
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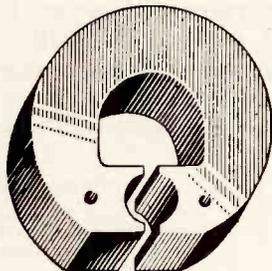
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### Semper Fidelis!

Dear Mr. Henney:  
MAY I BE permitted to convey my hearty and unqualified concurrence with the views expressed in "Cross Talk" in the December issue of **ELECTRONICS**. . .

It would be a gross understatement to say that I have been disturbed by some of the literature recently released purporting to show preference for degraded reproduction and the quasi theory to substantiate the findings.

You succinctly call attention to the fallacies and weak points in current studio practices—which in themselves, defeat dispassionate findings in "high fidelity" tests.

I feel that you are personally acquainted with our efforts to honestly find the answers to faithful reproduction in experiments which go back many years—with no axe to grind except to learn the truth—and it is a comforting reassurance to find a friend at court with the influence obviously enjoyed by **ELECTRONICS**.

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(Ed.)

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### Mathematics by the Ten Millions

Dear Sirs:

MY PAPER, "Secondary Electron Radiation," (in the September issue) seems to have attracted a certain amount of attention in this country, because three misprints in it have been pointed out to me. I thought perhaps you might like to put a correction in the next issue of **ELEC-**

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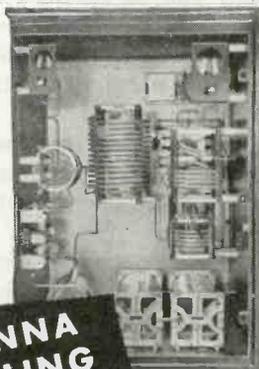
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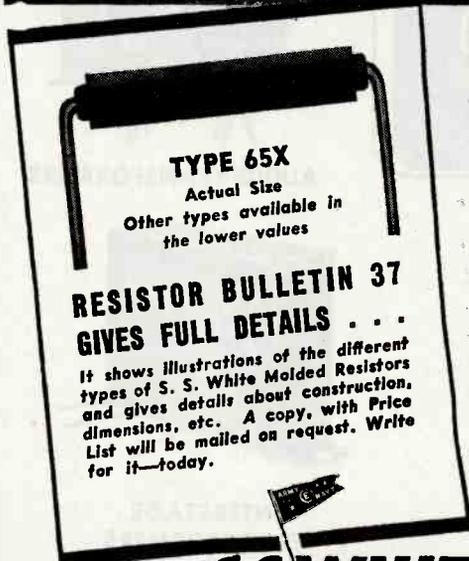
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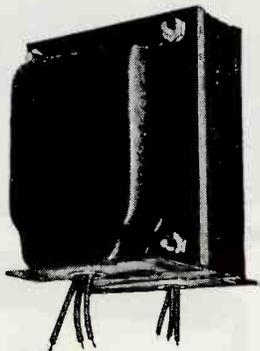
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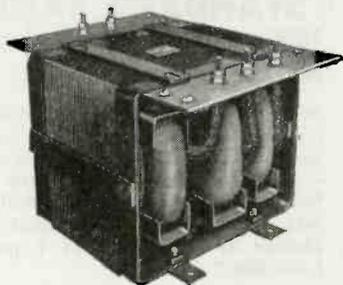
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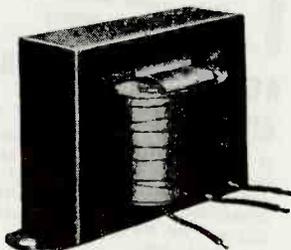
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TRONICS. The misprints are as follows:

- (1) In the first column of the text on p. 100, the formula for  $v$  should read:

$$v = 5.95 \times 10^7 \sqrt{V}$$

- (2) Figure 14: The numerals along the abscissa should commence with 1 and not with 0, since this is a logarithmic scale of frequency.
- (3) In the Bibliography, item 82, my name "Harris" should, of course, be spelled

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I AM IN one-hundred-percent agreement with Mr. B. P. Schroeder as to the disposition of surplus materials.

It would be very easy for the War Dept. to limit the sale of such materials so that large buyers could not grab all available surplus, store it a few years, then black market it to buyers.

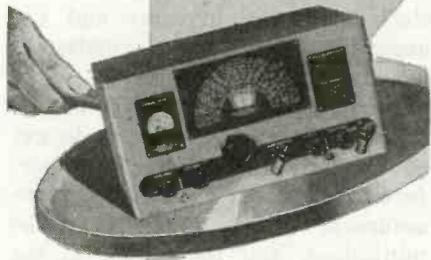
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I feel this can be done not only with electronic testing equipment, but also with surplus tubes, transformers, etc.

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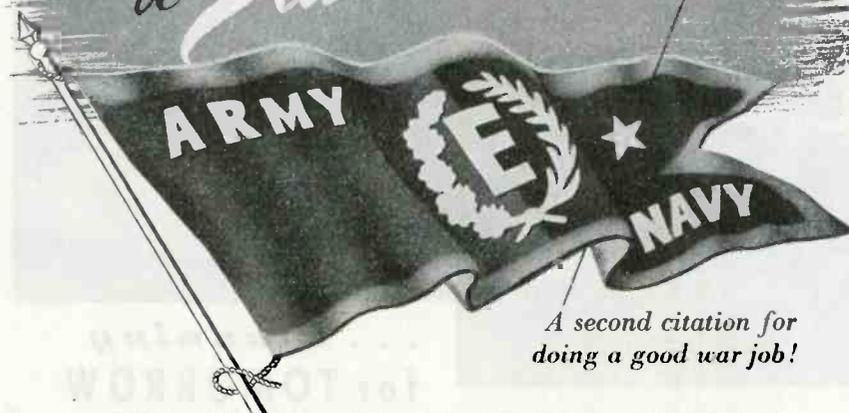
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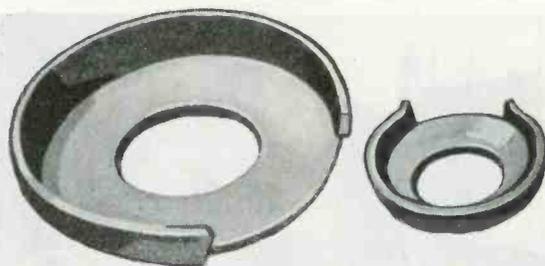
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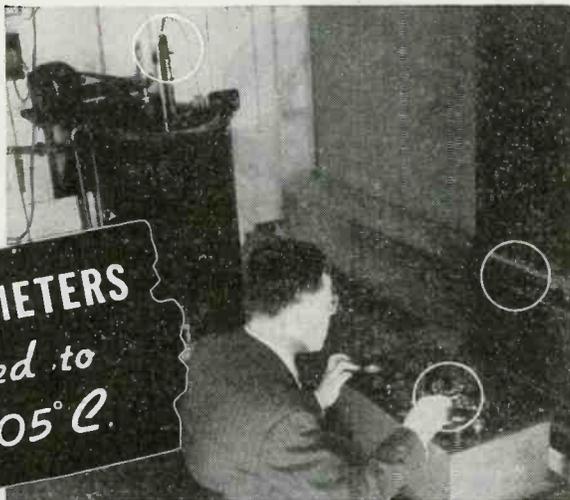


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### Codeless Hams?

While many organizations such as the RTPB, ARRL, etc. are interested in frequency allocation and other technical matters, it seems to me that they might give some thought to the idea of refining the laws governing radio amateur communication. For example, I can see no logical reason why an amateur must know the Morse code in order to operate a station.

This seems absurd because there are many persons who would like to put stations on the air for purely scientific purposes (Kennelly-Heavyside measurements, and the like). These scientific-minded persons (some of them college professors) find their time fully taken up with responsibilities which limit and usually crowd out the time necessary to learn code in operable manner.

Almost anyone can recognize an SOS and knows, if he cannot respond, at least to get out the way and help by a telephone call to the Coast Guard.

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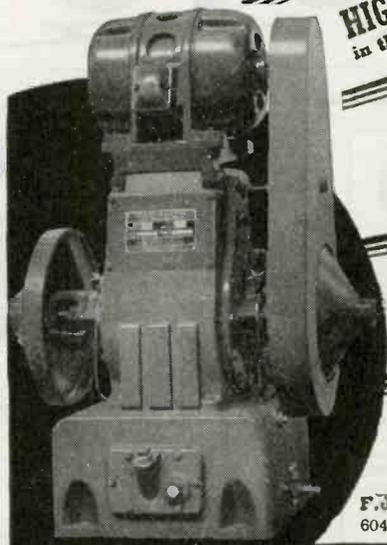
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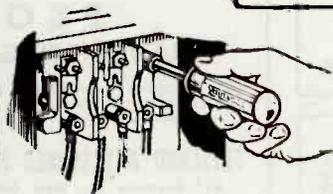
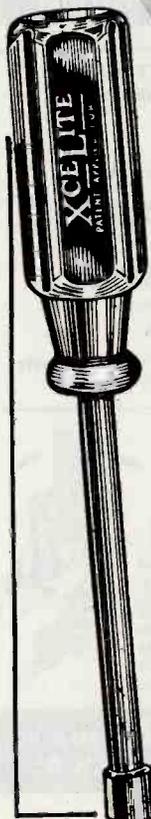
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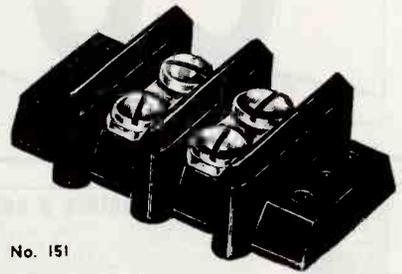
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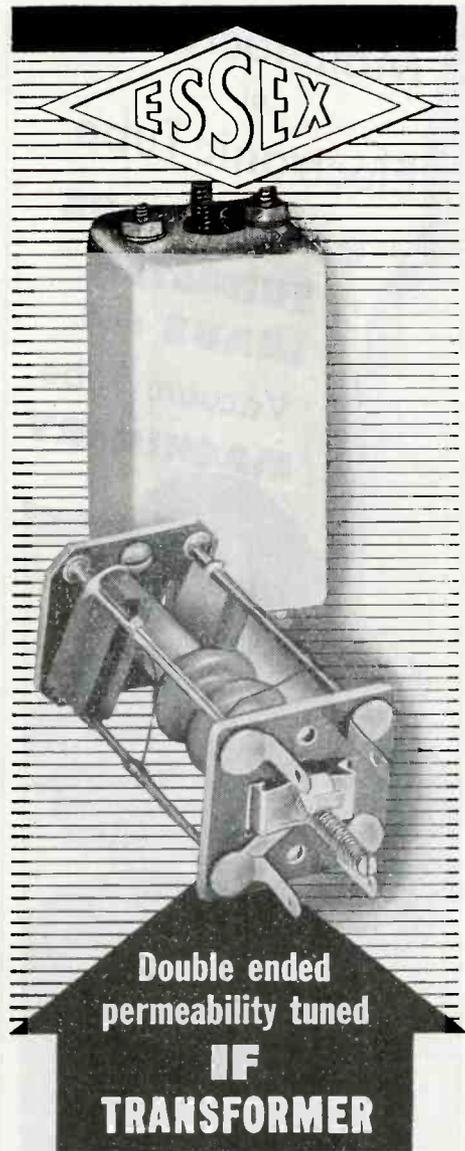
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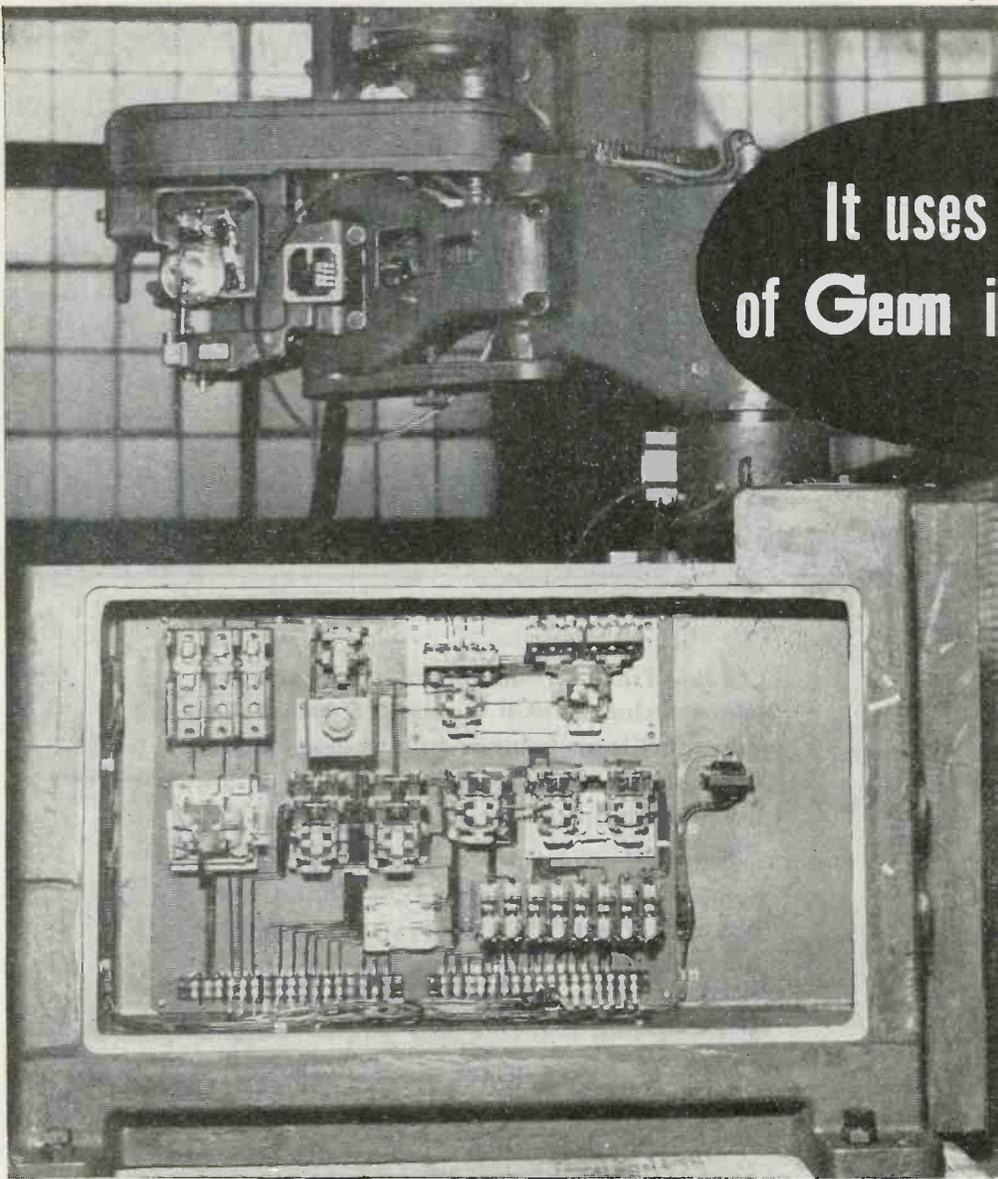
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T-692	H-692	0-111	500
T-693	H-693	0-111	600
T-694	H-694	0-111	135

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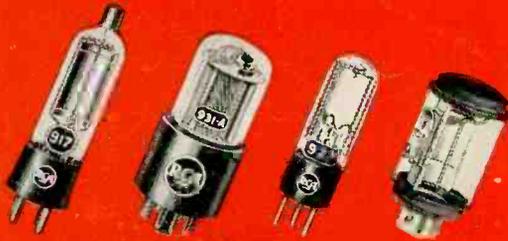
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# HOW TO SELECT PHOTOTUBES



Characteristic	High-Vacuum type	Gas-filled type	Multiplier type
Sensitivity	Low	Medium	Very high
Current Output	Low	Medium	Very high
Amplification factor	1	Up to 10	Up to 1,000,000
Relative signal-to-noise ratio (including amplifier stage)	Low	Intermediate	High
Anode Volts	Up to 500	Not over 90	Up to 1250
Distortion (audio)	Negligible	Appreciable in some cases	Negligible
Frequency Range	Limited largely by circuit	Limited by tube performance	Limited largely by circuit

Gas-filled phototubes are, at present, extensively used for sound-on-film reproduction and for relay work. Vacuum-types are widely used where high sensitivity is needed; for precision measurement where stability of calibration is essential; and for high-speed work.

**Sensitivity:** The sensitivity of a phototube may vary according to whether the light change is abrupt or continuous. *Static sensitivity* is the ratio of anode direct current to constant light flux. *Dynamic sensitivity* is the ratio of the variation of anode current to the variation of light input. The sensitivity of gas-filled phototubes drops off as light-source frequency increases.

**Optical Systems:** The use of phototubes usually involves some sort of optical system. The fundamentals of optics must be carefully considered in the successful application of phototubes.

**Mechanical Features:** As illustrated at left, several types of tubes are available. Size, vibration, directional requirements, etc., all may influence the choice of one of the many RCA phototubes.

**Phototube Life:** Phototubes are inherently sturdy, long-lived tubes and when operated under recommended conditions, give extended reliable service.

**Application Hints:** Here are a few general suggestions on applying phototubes:

1. In relay and measurement circuits where tubes must respond to very small amounts of light, avoid leakage currents outside tube. Keep tube terminals and sockets clean. Erratic leakage currents will affect results.
2. In amplifiers where low leakage is important, select top cap types such as 917, 919, or 935.
3. Shield phototube and leads to amplifier or relay tubes when amplifier gain or phototube load resistance is high.
4. Where high-frequency response is important keep phototube leads short to minimize capacitance shunting of output.
5. For constant calibration of high-precision vacuum phototube devices, keep anode voltage at or below 20 volts. Keep incident light spread over wide cathode area.
6. Design or circuit constants should be based on tests with the equipment operating over the expected range of line-voltage variation.
7. RCA voltage-regulator tubes can improve phototube circuit performance.
8. Anode characteristic curves on phototubes can be used to predict performance under given operating conditions.

**P**HOTOTUBES have found such a wide variety of applications that many types have been developed to meet special needs. The complete RCA line includes both gas-filled and high-vacuum phototubes, with various spectral responses and a variety of sizes and shapes. And for applications requiring extreme sensitivity, RCA supplies multiplier phototubes.

A phototube acts as a light-actuated electric valve. (It does *not* convert light energy to electrical energy, but acts only as a control device.) The current passed is in proportion to incident light. Some phototubes are "high-vacuum" types; some are filled with an inert gas (such as argon) to increase current-carrying capacity.

A multiplier phototube contains additional electrodes (dynodes) which emit secondary electrons and thus greatly increase sensitivity and output current as compared to 2-electrode phototubes.

**Color Sensitivity:** The cathode coating material and the envelope glass determine color sensitivity. RCA phototubes fall into five "color groups":

Use	Tube Types	Maximum Color Sensitivity
With incandescent lamps	High vacuum: 925. Gas-filled: 868, 920, 924, 927*, 928	Red and infra-red
With incandescent lamps—and for infra-red application	High vacuum: 917, 919, 922*. Gas-filled: 918, 921*, 923, 930*	Similar to above, but sensitivity extended further into infra-red
With light source for colorimetry application	High-vacuum: 926	Blue light. Approximates the human eye
With daylight, carbon-arc, or mercury-vapor light source	High-vacuum: 929*, 934. Multipliers: 931-A*, 1P21	Blue light. Very sensitive to incandescent light at a color temperature above 2700° K.
For ultra-violet measurement	High-vacuum: 935, 1P28	Same as above, but special glass envelope permits high ultra-violet sensitivity

\*An RCA Preferred Type Tube

Color response curves are available on all RCA phototubes.

**Vacuum- or Gas- or Multiplier-Type?** Several important factors to be considered in selecting the general type of phototube for a service are given in the following table. Specific values should be considered in selecting the actual tube type.

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## What Phototube Do You Need?

Due to space limitations, the suggestions presented here are brief and in a condensed, summary form. If you have a specific application problem or wish to discuss your phototube requirements with us, write to RCA, Commercial Engineering Section, Dept. 62-27E, Harrison, N. J. For further published information on RCA Phototubes and how to use them, send the coupon at left.

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